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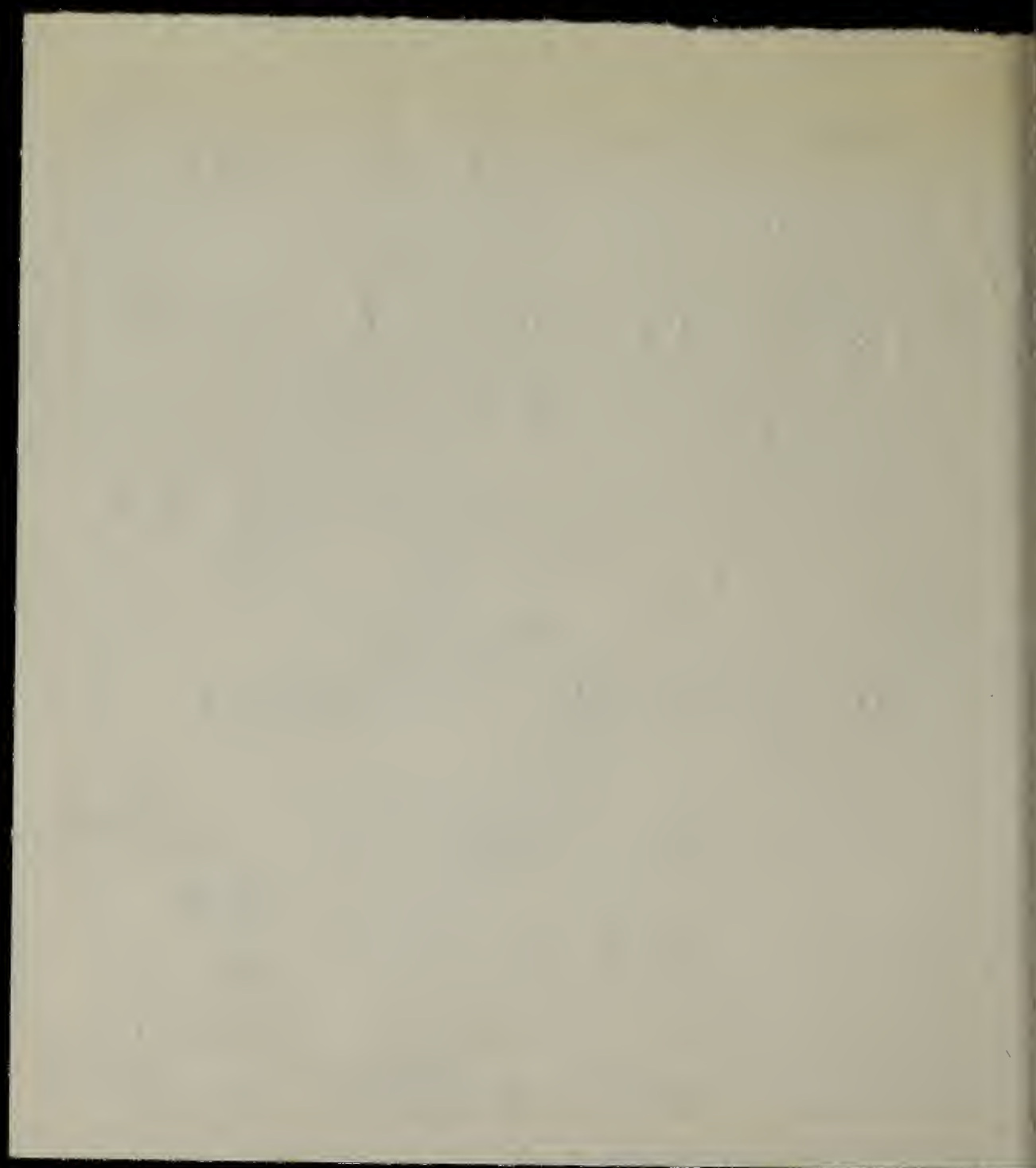
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(ROWE)  
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*Affectionately Dedicated*  
*to the memory of*  
*My Mother*

ANNA MARTIN IMMELE







ANNA CATHERINE MARTIN  
(1873-1960)

*(Daughter of Daniel Martin and Louise [Elizabeth] Esser. She was a granddaughter of Agnes Felten Esser, one of the first generation of Feltens who came to America in 1848. Anna Catherine Martin married John B. Immele in Marshall, Missouri on September 6, 1898.)*



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# Foreword

When I was about sixteen years of age, my father wrote these lines in a memory book for me:

No matter what your birth may be  
No matter where your lot is cast,  
You are the heir in equity  
Of all the precious past.

These words contain a depth of meaning that was incomprehensible to me then. "Therefore I summon age to grant youth's heritage."

A little over a year ago, a distant cousin and I were discussing relationships and she asked: "Can you tell me how the Felten and Esser families are related?" "Oh yes," I answered, "I know full well because my great-grandmother was Agnes Felten and she married Bertram Esser." Then she inquired about other branches of the family—that started the "ball rolling." In checking some lines of the family, I met other "cousins" who wondered about their grandparents and great-grandparents, and so I accepted the challenge and this booklet is the product of many hours of letter-writing, checking, and compiling, and I am happy to present it to the members of the Felten and related families now living, and to the generations that follow.

In launching upon this work, the impelling force of interest in the past has made the effort a sheer delight. To my mother I would owe the greatest debt of gratitude for instilling in all of us love of family and then furnishing so much valuable information on all the lines.

Then, to all the relationship who furnished data, I am truly grateful. Without their invaluable assistance, the record would have remained just a fond dream. First of all, I want to thank Isabelle Hayes Klein of Independence, Missouri who asked the question above and thus first aroused my interest in the undertaking.

I also wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to two other members of the family for their enthusiastic and untiring efforts to make this booklet a reality: Miss Flora Hoff of Kansas City and John L. Esser of Boonville, Missouri. The encouragement they rendered along the way when the going was rough inspired me to persevere. The latter offered his home as headquarters and his time and automobile to taxi me across the country, to visit the cemeteries and even to "exhume some bodies," if necessary, to secure the needed information. At times it seemed we would have to submit to such drastic measures when many of the records contained conflicting information and we lost faith in family Bibles, church records, and tombstone inscriptions. I am indebted to Flora Hoff not only for her selfless efforts in helping to unravel the various branches of the family, visiting cemeteries, making available her records which she has kept for many years, but also in projecting our interests across the seas and in corresponding with

Rev. Heinrich Siepen, pastor of the Catholic Church in Gross-Vernich, Germany where all our Felten ancestors in America were baptized and worshipped.

Last but not least, I am grateful to my husband, Nelson Heath Meriwether, whose generosity has made this booklet available to all the relationship through the services of his printing establishment, Artcraft Press of Columbia, Missouri. Without that assistance, it would never have materialized.

A sad note was added on the eve of the completion of this work when my mother, Anna Martin Immele of Pilot Grove, Missouri, died on February 23, 1960. She was my inspiration all along the way and so now I deem it fitting that as her passing closed the chapter on her own Daniel Martin family, it likewise will close the chapter on Records of the Felten and Related Families and we shall date the booklet the day of her death.

AGNES IMMELE MERIWETHER

Columbia, Missouri  
February 23, 1960



## Our Felten Ancestors

This record will deal with the descendants of five children of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten. These children came to America around the middle of the nineteenth century, ranging from 1848-1855.

That, and the fact that they came from Germany, near the City of Cologne (twenty kilometers), would have comprised the total of our information on our early Felten ancestors were it not for the good offices of Miss Flora Hoff of Kansas City, Mo., who, armed with a yardstick, searched out old maps and measured distances in an attempt to locate a town twenty kilometers from Cologne, the first part of the name being "Gross." Finally, after repeated failures, Eureka! She wrote: "There it was—Gross-Vernich, twenty kilometers from Cologne." It is near the town of Euskirchen, a little south and west of Cologne. So, thanks to her, we have letters from Rev. Heinrich Siepen, pastor of the Catholic Church of Gross-Vernich, with birth records from the parochial registers, a picture of the church at Gross-Vernich, and a thumbnail sketch of the twin cities, Gross-Vernich and Klein-Vernich.

It is of interest to note that the Felten family lived in Klein-Vernich but attended church in Gross-Vernich, where all our first generation of Feltens in America were baptized. Father Siepen clarifies this in his letter of July 8, 1959 to Miss Flora Hoff:

Gross-Vernich and Klein-Vernich, cut through only by the river Erft, have 1800 inhabitants, 300 of them aren't Catholic. The church is in Gross-Vernich; it was built up in 1723. In Klein-Vernich a church will be built up soon.

And in his letter of July 29, 1959, he goes on to say:

The church was built up in 1723 and is until today in its original manner. Before in this place was a chapel; the patron was Saint Nicolaus. The now church is under the patronage of the Saint Cruse and has a second patron: Immaculate Virgin Maria. "The Saint Cruse" means "Santa Cruz," or Holy Cross.

In the same letter, he gives the earliest record we have of a Felten ancestor:

In the book of baptism records of our neighbour church in Weilerswist I found that Hermann Josef Felten was baptized 31. November 1789. His parents were Bertram Felten and Anna Gertrud Scheben. More was not written down.

His letter lists the children of Hermann Josef Felten and Anna Margarethe Karsch:

- 1) Maria Katharina .....born 19.11.1816
- 2) Bertram Josef .....born 3.11.1819
- 3) Maria Agnes .....born 6. 3.1823
- 4) Anna Maria .....born 3.11.1824
- 5) Bertram Hubert .....born 18. 7.1826
- 6) Johannes .....born 9. 9.1828
- 7) Anna Gertrud .....born 4. 4.1830
- 8) Friedrich Wilhelm .....born 25. 3.1832
- 9) Hermann Peter Josef .....born 22. 5.1834

Some of these dates may be at variance with dates from family records but they are given above as sent in by Rev. Heinrich Siepen, pastor of Gross-Vernich. Of the nine children of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, only five settled in America: Bertram Josef, Maria Agnes (Esser), Anna Maria (Fischer), Bertram Hubert (known to his family as Hubert Joseph), and Johannes Felten. Another son, Friedrich Wilhelm (Fritz), is said to have come to America with his brother Hubert in 1853, but returned to Germany and became a Trappist monk. Hubert returned to Germany also, married, and came back to America in 1855.

Very little is known of the Felten family in Germany. As one of the members of a later generation wrote: "The Fischers, the Feltens, and the Essers came to America to find a new life so they spoke little of the old." It was generally believed that the Felten family had been given the title "von" for martial prowess, and being able neither to prove nor disprove this, we will accept it along with other family legends.

The following chapters will present the individual records of this first generation of Feltens who came to America, giving all their descendants down to the present day.



## Bertram Josef Felten

(1819-1875)

Bertram Josef Felten, the first son and second child of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, was born in Klein-Vernich, Prussia, Germany and was baptized in the Catholic Church in Gross-Vernich, twin city of Klein-Vernich. According to church records in Germany where he was born and baptized, and also records from the registers of St. John's Church, Clear Creek, Pilot Grove, Mo., he was born and baptized Nov. 3, 1819. He married Margaret Hamacher in Germany. This name is also spelled Hamecker and Haarmacher, but we shall use the first spelling, as that seems to be the accepted form by the different branches of the family.

Bertram Josef and Margaret Hamacher Felten came to America circa 1851. During the long sea voyage which lasted several weeks, we are told cholera broke out on the ship and Mrs. Felten contracted the disease, which cost many lives, but she recovered from its effects. The boat docked in New Orleans and the Felten family traveled up the Mississippi River and settled near Boonville, Mo., later moving to the Clear Creek community where they spent most of the years of their married life. Bertram Josef Felten died Sept. 1, 1875 and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Clear Creek, Pilot Grove, Mo. Margaret Hamacher Felten was born June 23, 1823 and died July 20, 1905. She also is buried at Clear Creek.

Bertram Josef Felten is the Felten ancestor who unquestionably can claim the greatest number of descendants. In his line are the first half of the William Schuster family, the Albert Nold relationship, the three Diel families, and the Bernard, Andrew, and Joseph Felten families, most of whom count many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He has been described as the "saint" of the family, as the kindest of men, as a kind of lay apostle in the Church, preparing the children for First Communion, organizing singing classes, and was revered by all. One of his idiosyncrasies, according to his family, is that he would never permit himself to be photographed, but his deeds have followed him and "If you would see his monument, look around."

Bertram Josef and Margaret Hamacher Felten were the parents of ten children:

1. Katharina, b. March 10, 1848, d. Oct. 11, 1931, m. Albert Nold.
2. Jacob, b. Sept. 17, 1850, d. Jan. 17, 1922, m. Katherine Bren-garth. No children.
3. Margaret, died at birth, March 31, 1852.
4. Herman Joseph, b. May 9, 1853, d. Feb. 18, 1937, m. Mary Nelson.
5. Agnes, b. Dec. 26, 1855, d. April 12, 1924, m. Joseph Diel.

6. Christina, b. Dec. 23, 1857, d. Sept. 6, 1894, m. William Schuster.

7. John Andrew, b. May 2, 1860, d. May 2, 1943, m. Elizabeth Meistrell.

8. Margaret Anna, b. March 2, 1862, d. Jan. 21, 1917, m. Jacob Diel.

9. Bernard Joseph, b. Nov. 17, 1863, d. Oct. 31, 1942, m. Helen Sophia Neckerman.

10. Anna Mary, b. June 25, 1867, d. March 15, 1952, m. Joseph Valentine Diel.

The individual records of the children of Bertram Josef and Margaret Hamacher Felten will follow.

#### RECORD OF KATHARINA FELTEN AND ALBERT NOLD

Following is the record of Katharina Felten and Albert Nold. We are grateful to Ann Nold Muessig, granddaughter, of Tipton, Missouri who gave us pertinent information and vital statistics on the children of Albert and Katharina Felten Nold and furnished addresses so we could contact the various individual families for their records. We also express our appreciation to Joseph Francis Brucel of Shawnee, Kansas, great-grandson of Albert and Katharina Felten Nold and grandson of Freda Nold Brzuchalski of Kansas City, Mo., for his interest and assistance and for furnishing various newspaper articles which helped to clear up questionable and conflicting dates and particularly for the Golden Wedding Anniversary article which, because of its interest to modern readers, we reprint in part below.

(1) *Katharina Felten* was born in Prussia, Germany Mar. 10, 1848 and came to this country with her parents when she was three years of age. She died in Montrose, Mo. Oct 11, 1931. She was married Nov. 6, 1867 at Clear Creek, Pilot Grove, Mo. to Albert Nold and they lived to "complete," in the words of the Montrose Tidings, "three-fifths of a century in happy wedlock." Albert Nold was the son of Karl and M. Magdalena Hammer Nold and was born Dec. 4, 1843, in Baden, Germany and died in Montrose, Mo. Feb. 3, 1928. (Karl Nold, father of Albert Nold, was born Jan. 9, 1809 at Oedigheim, Obevamt Rastatt, Baden, Germany and died in Cooper County, Mo. Sept. 23, 1889. M. Magdalena Hammer Nold, mother of Albert Nold, was born Dec. 26, 1808, also at Oedigheim, Obevamt Rastatt, Baden, Germany and died Nov. 26, 1868 in Cooper County, Mo.)

Here is the account of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Albert and Katharina Felten Nold, as it appeared in the *Pilot Grove Record* of Pilot Grove, Missouri:

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nold was observed at Pilot Grove, Missouri on the 6th of November, 1917 at St. Joseph's Church. The worthy old couple renewed their marriage vows made 50 years ago, in the presence of a large congregation of children, children's children, relatives, friends, and neighbors.



The jubilarians occupied a place in the Sanctuary during the High Mass, which was sung by their pastor, Father Hildebrand, O.S.B. After Mass and Blessing of the jubilarians, the Rev. Pastor made a very appropriate address calling attention to the great event, and how the blessings that are promised to those that dwell in the fear of the Lord are fulfilled.

The jubilarians were attended by two grandchildren, Miss Mary Nold and Mr. John Neckerman.

All the children, eleven in number, who are men and women of mature age, received Holy Communion with their parents which was a most beautiful and sublime spectacle, crowning an event that comes to very few in life.

Fifty years, a half century since Albert Nold in the days of his youth led his young bride, Miss Katharina Felten, to the altar, there to pledge his undying love to her for better or for worse, in adversity or prosperity, in health or sickness, until death do us part! It was in the pioneer days in the little crude log church (long since replaced with a beautiful structure of brick) at Clear Creek, Missouri about four miles from Pilot Grove, Missouri.

The principal mode of love [courting] then was by horse-back, and that is how the bridal party went to church on that beautiful November morning fifty years ago in which Father Hildner of Boonville, Missouri pronounced the words that bound the two together for life.

Undoubtedly many were the trials and tribulations during those long years, and often the days invested have seemed dark and dreary. Now after fifty years, looking over their life's work and viewing the happy faces of their eleven sons and daughters and forty-seven grandchildren, they can well say that their life was not in vain. The seven sons, Joseph, Max, Edward, John, Albert Jr., Leo, and William are living at Montrose, Missouri; also one daughter, Mrs. Henry Brzuchalski, lives at Montrose. The other daughters, Mrs. Frank Neckerman, Mrs. John Grotzinger, Mrs. Joseph Stoecklein, and Mrs. Frank Gramlich [adopted daughter] are living near Pilot Grove, Missouri.

After the divine service the wedding party retired to the beautiful home of the jubilarians, in the north part of the city, there to celebrate the happy event. After congratulations, they were led to the beautiful dining room where they found tables loaded with a wide display of eats, which is natural to say satisfies the inner man.

The time was spent in pleasant conversation, singing, and games. The Boonville band serenaded them in the evening, adding much to the beauty of the celebration. . . .

And from the obituary of Katharina Felten Nold which appeared in the *Montrose Tidings*, Thursday, October 15, 1931:

Mrs. Nold, who had lived for many years in this community, was well known for her sweet and loving disposition, her kind deeds and thoughts, and many hearts of this community will be saddened to hear of her passing. Before her death she asked her sons to tell her

grandson, Herman Nold, who preceded her in death just a few days, "I am coming Sunday," voicing with love in her heart her trust in her Saviour.

Herman Nold, son of Albert F. and Mary Elizabeth Wessing Nold, had died October 7 and was buried on Saturday preceding Mrs. Nold's death. She was ill at the time and when her sons went to the funeral she told one of them to tell Herman she would come Sunday. This was not taken seriously by any of the people around her at the time, but on Sunday at noon she went to "see Herman," just as she had said.

The record of the eleven children of Albert and Katharina Felten Nold follows:

1. Joseph Bertram Nold, b. Nov. 28, 1868, d. Aug. 1, 1928 in Montrose, Mo. He married Mary Anna Neckerman Jan. 10, 1893 (she was born July 15, 1869 and died Aug. 19, 1955). To this union were born nine children:

(1), (2), and (3)—2 boys and a girl died in infancy. One boy, Andrew Aloysius was born Oct. 28, 1896, d. Jan. 14, 1897. The other two are listed: Nold Infant, no date given.

(4) Aloysius, b. Nov. 28, 1899, d. April 6, 1947 in Oconee, Ill., m. Leona Margaret Schmitz on Oct. 24, 1922. They were the parents of five children: 1. Virgil Joseph, b. Jan. 17, 1925; 2. Eileen Margaret, b. Jan. 6, 1927, m. Edward Joseph Bednarko Sept. 27, 1952 and they have two sons: (a) Ronald Edward, b. April 18, 1954, and (b) Gerald Lee, b. Aug. 28, 1955; 3. Gerald Celestine, b. Oct. 21, 1928, d. July 11, 1929; 4. Harold John, b. Oct. 9, 1930; and 5. Jeanette Marie Nold, b. May 2, 1932.

(5) Magdalene Josephine, b. Sept. 11, 1901, lives in Salem, Oregon, m. Lawrence Isadore Lesmeister Oct 25, 1921 and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Leroy Albert, b. Aug. 17, 1922, m. Darlene June Copple Sept. 23, 1950 and they had three children: (a) Kristine Kay, b. Aug. 9, 1952, d. Aug. 1955 (b) Joyce Ann, b. Aug. 2, 1954, and (c) Linda Marie Lesmeister, b. March 7, 1956; 2. Eugene Francis, b. March 4, 1924, m. Ellenore Ellen Lynch Jan. 21, 1950 and they have one son: (a) Gerard Eugene Lesmeister, b. Oct. 24, 1955; 3. Lawrence Joseph, b. April 25, 1926, m. Ruth Faye Johnson Jan. 19, 1951 and they have five children: (a) Lawrence Joseph Jr., b. Dec. 15, 1952, (b) and (c) twins, Bonnie May and Connie Faye, b. Sept. 13, 1954, (d) Catherine Ann, b. April 18, 1956, and (e) Rita Marie Lesmeister, b. March 12, 1959; 4. LaVerne Louis, b. Oct. 9, 1928, m. Mildred Lois Conner June 5, 1948, and they have five children: (a) Lynette René, b. Jan. 3, 1950 (b) David James, b. Sept. 19, 1951 (c) Michael LaVerne, b. March 19, 1954 (d) Timothy Wayne, b. Aug. 19, 1956, and (e) Theresa Ann Lesmeister, b. May 31, 1958; 5. Wilma Marie, b. Sept. 30, 1930; 6. Eloise Ann, b. March 6, 1934, m. Ed Williams Oct. 10, 1959; and 7. Ruth Irene Lesmeister, b. March 6, 1941, m. Stephen W. Caldwell Jan. 16, 1960.



(6) Victoria Ludwina Coletta, b. Aug. 9, 1903, lives in Shelbyville, Ill., m. Winand Henry Schmitz Oct. 10, 1922. Issue, six children: 1. Clarence Joseph, b. Feb. 13, 1924, m. Irene Elma McDonald June 26, 1947 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Stephen Paul, b. May 16, 1948 (b) Christine Marie, b. June 23, 1949, and (c) Paulette Ann Schmitz, b. Aug. 31, 1951; 2. Raymond Celestine, b. Sept. 21, 1925, m. Dorothy Marie Temmen Sept. 20, 1952 and they have five children: (a) Patricia Ann, b. March 19, 1954, (b) Diane Marie, b. Dec. 9, 1955, (c) Janet Elaine, b. Aug. 21, 1957, (d) Gerald Joseph, b. Sept. 30, 1958, and (e) David Gerard Schmitz, b. Oct. 21, 1959; 3. Rosemary Margaret, b. April 15, 1927; 4. Eugene Winand, b. Sept. 5, 1928, m. Jean Elnore Swiney July 7, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Barbara Jean, b. Feb. 2, 1958, and (b) John Eugene Schmitz, b. April 12, 1959; 5. Leland Henry, b. July 27, 1933, m. Doris Weitekamp Aug. 1, 1959; and 6. Lester John Schmitz, b. July 27, 1935, m. Joyce Martha Hielcher June 27, 1959.

(7) Francis Joseph Nold, born March 20, 1906, m. Loretta Aloysia Puttoff Nov. 29, 1934 and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Delores Ann, b. Feb. 12, 1936; and 2. Kathleen Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1938, m. Michael Henry Mendenhall Dec. 1, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Jennifer Ann, b. Oct. 21, 1957, and (b) Michael Henry Mendenhall, b. Dec. 16, 1958.

(8) Mary Theresa Fredolina, b. Nov. 8, 1908, lives in Springfield, Ill., m. Homer Addison June 21, 1944, no children.

(9) Infant son died at birth, no record of name or date.

Joseph Bertram and Mary Anna Neckerman Nold also adopted two children, Christina (Tena) and Andrew, and they shared the same love and affection as the other children. Christina is now Mrs. Henry Brownsberger and lives in Montrose, Mo. and Andrew Nold lives in Florida.

2. Mary Magdalena Nold, b. Sept. 21, 1870, d. Aug. 10, 1920 in Pilot Grove, Mo. She was married on Jan. 17, 1893 to Frank J. Neckerman and they were the parents of three children:

(1) John Andrew, b. Oct. 23, 1893, m. Bertha Louise Hoff at Paw Paw, Mich. Feb. 12, 1920. They are the parents of one son: 1. John Glenn Neckerman, b. May 18, 1925, m. Joan Beverly Mannix Dec. 23, 1959.

(2) William Albert, b. Sept. 20, 1897, d. Nov. 21, 1946, m. Matilda Lorenz Jan. 30, 1929. Issue, four children: 1. Mary Lee, m. Joseph A. Bauer Dec. 27, 1947 and they have seven children: (a) Carol Jean, (b) James Ronald, (c) Robert Joseph, (d) Martin William, (e) Catherine Lynn, (f) Michael Raymond, and (g) Margaret Ann Bauer; 2. Doris, m. Henry D. Richey Oct. 1, 1953 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Brenda Louise, (b) Dennis Raymond, and (c) Gary Alan Richey; 3. Lawrence William; and 4. David Francis Neckerman.

(3) Joseph Victor, b. Sept. 10, 1904, m. Augusta Margaret Kramer Sept. 12, 1928 in Tipton, Mo. Issue, two children: 1. Jeanette Rose (Jen Rose), b. May 30, 1933, m. John Franklin McShane Dec. 26, 1954 and they have two children: (a) Mark Stephen born in Muenchweiler, Germany July 11, 1956, and (b) Stephanie Ann McShane born in Moberly, Mo. Jan. 10, 1959; and 2. Paul Eugene Neckerman, b. April 26, 1938, d. July 3, 1956.

3. F. Maximilian Nold, lives in Montrose, Mo., was born Dec. 18, 1872, m. 1st Victoria Neckerman and they were the parents of three children:

(1) Mary, b. Oct. 23, 1895, d. May 19, 1958, m. Sylvester Shay May 21, 1918 and they were the parents of three children: 1. Charles John; 2. Max, m. Edna Young May 6, 1947 and they are the parents of four sons: (a) Gary Mark, (b) Donald Wayne, (c) Keith Francis, and (d) Gordon Wayne Shay; and 3. Loretta Shay m. Stanley Perry May 24, 1948, no children.

(2) Magdalena Catherine, b. Feb. 16, 1897, d. Nov. 17, 1950, m. Andrew Joseph Brownsberger Sept. 14, 1922. Issue, three children: 1. Andrew Joseph Jr., m. Teresa Koch Aug. 28, 1945 and they have six children: (a) Paul Joseph, (b) Margaret Ann, (c) Martha Mary, (d) Virginia Louise, (e) Gereon (Jerry) John, and (f) Edith Ellen Brownsberger; 2. Mary Ellen, m. John Joseph Munsterman May 4, 1948 and they have four children: (a) Theodore Joseph, (b) Michael Wayne, (c) Dale Anthony, and (d) Thea Jane Munsterman; and 3. Joan, m. Bernard Vincent Munsterman May 3, 1949 and they have three children: (a) Judy Kathryn, (b) William Edward, and (c) Kevin E. Munsterman.

(3) Ann Amalia Nold, b. Oct. 23, 1898, m. Robert Jacob Muessig Oct. 28, 1919 and they are the parents of eight children: 1. Mildred Rose Ann, b. Sept. 15, 1920; 2. Ralph Roger, b. Sept. 22, 1922, gave his life for his country in World War II in Sicily Aug. 4, 1943 and was buried in Tipton, Mo. on the fifth anniversary of his death; 3. Dorothy Louise, b. Feb. 25, 1925, m. 1st Andrew Edward Schuster Nov. 25, 1944 and they had one son: (a) James Andrew Schuster, b. Oct. 3, 1946. Andrew Edward Schuster died Sept. 13, 1948 and Dorothy Louise Muessig m. 2nd Walter G. Miller Nov. 24, 1956; 4. Clarence LeRoy, b. Sept. 24, 1927; 5. Harold Francis, b. Nov. 24, 1929, m. Florence Mae Jones and they have four children: (a) Lyle Curtis, b. May 22, 1950, (b) Ralph William, b. May 18, 1952, (c) Karyl Lynn b. Dec. 21, 1954, and (d) Karla Ann Muessig, b. May 31, 1959; 6. Julia Margaret, b. July 2, 1932, m. Forest Porter Arnold and they have two children: (a) William Porter, b. Dec. 8, 1953, and (b) Loretta Marie Arnold, b. Oct. 1, 1955; 7. Joan, b. Nov. 4, 1935, m. Charles Lammers May 2, 1955 and they have three children: (a) Gerald Lee, b. Dec. 12, 1956, (b) Deborah Louise, b. Dec. 11, 1958, and (c) Diana K. Lammers, b. Jan. 7, 1960; and 8. Paul Jerome Muessig, b. Jan. 26, 1938.



Victoria Neckerman Nold died April 5, 1902 and Maximilian Nold married 2nd Juliana Goth Jan. 3, 1905 and they had three children. For purposes of genealogical order, these three children will be numbered 4, 5, and 6 so that all the children of Max Nold will follow in sequence, though having different mothers. The three children are:

(4) Vendelin, b. July 7, 1907, d. Nov. 14, 1909.

(5) James Francis, b. Dec. 13, 1908, m. Irene Leona Goth July 23, 1933. Issue, eight children: 1. Gloria Jean, Sister Mary Margaret, O.S.F. of St. Francis Convent, Nevada, Mo.; 2. Constance Marie, m. Kenneth Vogel Oct. 26, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Anita Rene, and (b) Sherry Michele Vogel; 3. Charles Francis; 4. Sylvia Rose; 5. Robert Joseph; 6. Paul Julian; 7. Doris Ann, b. May 1, 1948, d. May 3, 1948; and 8. Stanley Hugh Nold.

(6) Margaret Veronica Nold, b. May 21, 1911, d. May 3, 1937, m. Frank Hake June 26, 1935 and they had one son: 1. Ronald Francis Hake, m. Buena Marie Hapes Sept. 7, 1957 and they have one son: (a) Christopher Francis Hake.

4. Albert Frank Nold, b. Jan. 22, 1875, d. Feb. 7, 1945, in Montrose, Mo. m. Mary Elizabeth Wessing Oct. 17, 1897. They were the parents of six children:

(1) Frances, b. Nov. 10, 1900, d. Sept. 10, 1934, m. John Swaters Oct. 9, 1926. No children.

(2) Leonard, m. Birdie Edna Sargent Jan. 23, 1937. No issue.

(3) Herman, b. April 14, 1907, d. Oct. 7, 1931.

(4) Richard, m. Martha Cole July 6, 1936 and they have four children: 1. Michael, 2. Jane Carol, 3. Rita Kay, and 4. Mary Joyce Nold.

(5) Walter, m. Dorothy Stubbs. No children.

(6) Arthur B. Nold, b. April 18, 1917, d. Jan. 13, 1958, m. Clara Mae Wells in 1943. They were the parents of three children: 1. Patricia Stella, 2. Robert Lee, and 3. Sharon Nold.

5. Catherine M. Nold, b. March 10, 1877, died March 12, 1949 in Pilot Grove, Mo., was married to John Grotzinger April 15, 1896. He was born April 29, 1866 and died Aug. 10, 1939. They were the parents of ten children:

(1) Ferdinand A., b. May 23, 1897, d. July 12, 1949, m. Edna Rilley and they had two children: 1. Betty, and 2. Robert Lee Grotzinger. We have no further record on the children of Ferdinand Grotzinger.

(2) Albert, b. Nov. 18, 1899, m. Rosie Ella Murphy Dec. 27, 1944. No children.

(3) Philip Peter, b. June 29, 1902, m. Susan Elizabeth Walz Feb. 10, 1931 and they have three children: 1. Paul John, b. Feb. 28, 1932, m. Amelia Ann Eck and they have three sons: (a) John Edward, b. Oct. 17, 1956, (b) Robert Eugene, b. June 9, 1958, and (c) William Francis Grotzinger, b. Sept. 14, 1959; 2. Patricia

Ann, b. Feb. 13, 1934, m. Leonard Joseph Eck and they have six children: (a) Carol Sue, b. April 1, 1952, (b) Frances Christine, b. May 9, 1953, (c) Philip Joseph, b. Aug. 31, 1954, (d) Charlotte Lee, b. Oct. 3, 1955, (e) Rita Lynn, b. Sept. 17, 1957, and (f) Raymond Anthony Eck, b. July 29, 1959; and 3. Charles Grotzinger, b. Oct. 3, 1935.

(4) Marie M., b. Feb. 27, 1905, m. Henry A. Ginter Oct. 12, 1932 and they have one daughter: 1. Shirley Mae, b. July 21, 1933, m. Wilfred A. Monnig Oct. 19, 1954 and they have three children: (a) Dale Henry, b. Oct. 2, 1955, (b) Wilfred Michael, b. Feb. 12, 1957, and 3. Dorothy Marie Monnig, b. Oct. 24, 1959.

(5) Levina, b. Oct. 27, 1906, d. May 4, 1948.

(6) Lena Carrie, b. May 3, 1908, m. George Mummert in 1943. No children.

(7) Annie Rose, b. July 15, 1910, m. Charles Augustine Zurn Dec. 14, 1955. No children.

(8) Joseph, b. June 9, 1913, d. June 28, 1914.

(9) Eleanor Freda, b. Jan. 13, 1916, d. Dec. 3, 1958, m. 1st Jack McKelvey and they had two children: 1. Beverly Rose, b. Oct. 1, 1939, m. Harold Charles Scholl Oct. 14, 1957 and they have twin daughters: (a) and (b) Teresa Ann and Janice Rose Scholl, b. Aug. 26, 1958; and 2. Raymond Lee McKelvey, b. June 2, 1943. Eleanor Freda Grotzinger m. 2nd Albert William Rapp Oct. 24, 1945. No children of this marriage.

(10) Catherine S., b. July 14, 1918, m. Herbert C. Klusmeyer of New Franklin, Mo. Nov. 24, 1936 and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Herbert C. Jr., b. July 14, 1937, m. Janie Lieman at St. Charles, Mo., July 21, 1956 and they have one daughter: (a) Kim Catherine Klusmeyer, b. May 28, 1959; and 2. Thomas Lane Klusmeyer, b. May 11, 1946.

6. Anna W. Nold, b. Aug. 6, 1879, d. Aug. 11, 1945 in Pilot Grove, Mo., married Joseph Stoecklein at Clear Creek Oct. 28, 1899. He was born Nov. 6, 1872 and died Aug. 22, 1950. Issue, nine children:

(1) Louise Kathryn, b. Aug. 25, 1900, d. Aug. 11, 1953, m. George H. Thiel April 4, 1923. They were the parents of two sons: 1. George Thiel Jr., b. Feb. 25, 1925, m. Mary Helen Knipp Feb. 5, 1947 and they have one son: (a) Charles Thiel, b. May 25, 1948; and 2. James Fenton Thiel, b. June 15, 1931, m. Betty Caroline Kistenmacher June 18, 1955 and they have two children: (a) Laura Louise, b. July 2, 1957, and (b) John Ed Thiel, b. July 2, 1958.

(2) Agatha M., b. Sept. 3, 1902, d. Aug. 25, 1903.

(3) George, b. July 12, 1904, m. Julia Kramer May 3, 1927, no children. George married 2d Mildred Tally Dec. 14, 1940 and they have one son: 1. Robert Ray Stoecklein, b. Aug. 16, 1944.

(4) Marie, b. Sept. 30, 1907, d. Feb. 9, 1940, m. Frank Dexheimer Feb. 16, 1931, and they had two children: 1. Betty Jo, b. Nov. 29, 1931, m. Larry Dennett and they have two children: (a) David



Michael, b. Sept. 27, 1952, and (b) Michele Dawn Dennett, b. Oct. 5, 1955; and 2. David Lee Dexheimer, b. April 3, 1935, m. Joan Carolyn Hester and they had three children: (a) David Harold, b. Jan. 30, 1954, d. Aug. 11, 1954, (b) Catherine Louise, b. Nov. 18, 1956, d. Nov. 25, 1956, and (c) Melissa Jane Dexheimer, b. Feb. 5, 1959.

(5) Christina Mary Kathryn, b. Dec. 5, 1909, m. Charles Edmond Case March 11, 1929, no children.

(6) Leona M., b. Feb. 25, 1911.

(7) Elnora, b. July 30, 1913, d. Aug. 15, 1915.

(8) John Andrew, b. Aug. 27, 1915, m. Frances Mary Wessing April 12, 1939 and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Joan Rose, b. Feb. 24, 1940; 2. Eugene Lawrence, b. May 30, 1942; 3. Joseph Edward, b. April 9, 1944; 4. Dennis Ray, b. Dec. 1, 1945; 5. Stephen Louis, b. Oct. 29, 1948; 6. Linda Louise, b. March 1, 1951; and 7. William Curtis Stoecklein, b. Feb. 2, 1956.

(9) Edward Otto Stoecklein, b. Feb. 28, 1919, m. Delores Ann Kempf Sept. 4, 1946 and they have one daughter: 1. Cynthia Ann Stoecklein, b. July 4, 1947.

7. C. Edward Nold, b. May 22, 1881, m. Mary Young Oct. 27, 1903. She was born March 12, 1881 and lives in Sedalia, Mo. Issue, six children:

(1) Adolph, m. Lorene Beeler and they are the parents of five children: 1. George Carl, b. April 26, 1929, m. 1st Thelma Ollison Feb. 2, 1951 and they had two daughters: (a) Debra Kay, b. April 25, 1952, and (b) Diana Lynn, b. Oct. 22, 1953. George Carl Nold m. 2nd Frances Duffy June 17, 1955 and they are the parents of one son: (c) George Carl Nold Jr. (Note: The three children of George Carl Nold are listed in sequence, though having different mothers); 2. Francis Lee, b. Feb. 26, 1931, m. Mary Louise Berry Oct. 27, 1950 and they are the parents of four children: (a) Francis Eugene, b. Sept. 21, 1951, (b) Donna Marie, b. April 1, 1954, (c) Karen Kay, b. April 28, 1957, and (d) Patricia Louise Nold, b. Aug. 1958; 3. Leon Forrest, b. Dec. 31, 1932, m. Mary Louise Modlin July 27, 1952 and they have two daughters: (a) Linda Louise, b. July 30, 1954, and (b) Katherine Kay Nold, b. Nov. 12, 1957; 4. Earl Franklin, b. Sept. 27, 1935; and 5. Velva Jean Nold, b. Aug. 16, 1939, m. William Hopkins June 9, 1957 and they have one daughter: (a) Cynthia Jean Hopkins, b. Oct. 22, 1958.

(2) Martha, b. Nov. 1, 1908, m. George Holdner and they are the parents of one daughter: 1. Georgiann, b. Feb. 12, 1930, m. Lloyd Keele Sept. 1, 1951 and they have two children: (a) Diana Lynn, b. Jan. 20, 1953, and (b) David Lloyd Keele, b. Nov. 26, 1956.

(3) Florence, b. Oct. 4, 1910, m. Alphonse Seifner Oct. 11, 1927 and they are the parents of four children: 1. Mary Helen, b. June 22, 1937, m. Milburn Staus Feb. 5, 1955 and they have two children: (a) Patricia, b. Sept. 30, 1956, and (b) Paul Staus, b. June

9, 1958; 2. Donald Wayne, b. Nov. 8, 1940; 3. Charlotte Elaine, b. Aug. 28, 1944; and 4. Nancy Kay Seifner, b. Feb. 29, 1948.

(4) Leo, b. June 25, 1913, m. Pearlle Ward April 1, 1934 and they have one daughter: 1. Sheila Lee, b. Aug. 5, 1939, m. Homer Triplett Jr. Dec. 28, 1958.

(5) Claude, b. April 7, 1916, m. Mildred Carver May 14, 1938 and they have one adopted daughter: 1. Marica Lynn Nold, b. Sept. 24, 1948.

(6) Helen Nold, b. July 30, 1920, m. Omar Simon May 2, 1942, and they have two sons: 1. Kenneth, b. Dec. 23, 1944; and 2. Richard Simon, b. Oct. 22, 1947.

8. Amalia Fredolina (Freda) Nold, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. July 23, 1883, m. Henry Brzuchalski Oct. 14, 1902. They were the parents of seven children:

(1) Albert, b. Jan. 20, 1904, m. Tilla O'Clare Wagner Feb. 4, 1925 in Montrose, Mo. and they have one son: 1. Joseph Francis, b. April 2, 1935. (Note: On Jan. 21, 1952 Albert Brzuchalski formally and legally had his last name and the last name of his wife, Tilla O'Clare and son, Joseph Francis, changed from that of Brzuchalski to that of BRUCEL). Joseph Francis Brucel married Lucille Ann Schweiger in Lenexa, Kansas on June 1, 1957 and they have one son: (a) Theodore Albert Brucel, b. May 19, 1958.

(2) Caroline, b. May 16, 1906, now Sister Mary Leona, O.S.B. of Mt. St. Scholastica Convent, Atchison, Kansas.

(3) Wilbert, b. Nov. 2, 1908, m. Monica Hake April 3, 1934 and they have one son: 1. Willard Brzuchalski, b. Nov. 5, 1937, m. Irene Shrode July 5, 1958.

(4) Frank, b. Aug. 16, 1910, m. Clara Sandler and they are the parents of three sons: 1. Leonard, b. May 16, 1932; 2. Richard, b. June 16, 1933, m. Frances Ludwig Feb. 16, 1952 and they have two children: (a) Constance JoAnn, b. Feb. 13, 1953, and (b) Richard William Brzuchalski, b. Dec. 19, 1954; and 3. John, b. Aug. 9, 1935, m. Faye Larsen April 25, 1958.

(5) Leona, b. July 26, 1912, now Sister Mary Agnese, O.S.B. of Mt. St. Scholastica Convent, Atchison, Kansas.

(6) Raymond, b. Nov. 6, 1914, m. Sara Robisson Nov. 19, 1938 and they have one daughter: 1. JoAnn Brzuchalski, b. Jan. 29, 1943.

(7) Mary, b. Oct. 11, 1919, m. John Hueser July 5, 1937 and they are the parents of five children: 1. James, b. March 14, 1939; 2. Harold, b. March 16, 1940; 3. Joyce Elaine, b. Sept. 23, 1943; 4. William, b. Aug. 26, 1950; and 5. Judy Ann Hueser, b. Oct. 1, 1951.

9. John Andrew Nold, b. Oct. 23, 1885, d. May 9, 1959 in Humboldt, Kansas. He married 1st Flora J. Wessing April 12, 1910. They were the parents of one son:

(1) Clement John Nold who married Vivian Bowyer July 20, 1940 and they have two children: 1. Donald Anthony, and 2. Shirley Ann Nold. The Clement Nolds live in Seattle, Washington.



Flora Wessing Nold died Oct. 31, 1912 and John Andrew Nold married 2nd Regina Mary Heiman Nov. 23, 1915 and they were the parents of nine children. So that all the children of John A. Nold will be in genealogical sequence, these nine children will be numbered from 2 to 10. The nine children:

(2) Loraine Elizabeth, m. Clarence Frank Wolken July 17, 1935 and they had three children: 1. James Eugene, m. Lois Marie Camp Sept. 21, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Wesley Eugene, and (b) Richard Joseph Wolken; 2. Charles Joseph, m. Cecilia Ann Stevens Feb. 8, 1958 and they have one daughter: (a) Cheryl Lynn Wolken; and 3. Helen Ann Wolken, m. Carl Hendricks Oct. 17, 1958 and they have one daughter: (a) Carla Marie Hendricks. Clarence Frank Wolken died July 7, 1940 and Loraine Elizabeth Nold m. 2nd William Joseph Wirths June 17, 1950 and they are the parents of three children. These three children will be numbered 4 to 6 so that all the children of Loraine Elizabeth Nold will be in sequence, though having different fathers. The three Wirths children: 4. Michael Raul, b. Jan. 26, 1951, d. Feb. 18, 1952; 5. Michael William; and 6. Gregory John Wirths.

(3) Dorothy Lucille Nold m. Charles Cockrell March 2, 1946 and they have one daughter: 1. Dorothy Ann Cockrell.

(4) Joseph Bernard, m. Betty Jean Rampy April 28, 1946 and they have three children: 1. Terrence Joseph, 2. Randy Hayden, and 3. Mark Layne Nold.

(5) Leroy C., m. Betty Jean Hoover June 8, 1943 and they have one daughter: 1. Yvonne Jean Nold.

(6) Paul Leo, m. Gladys Louise Hack March 4, 1944, and they have two sons: 1. Paul Eugene, and 2. Robert Allen Nold.

(7) Robert Jerome, m. Betty Rose Colvin July 29, 1950 and they have one daughter: 1. Jewell Elizabeth Nold.

(8) Ferdinand William, m. Mary Lou Cruncleton Nov. 8, 1952 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Dianne Lynn, 2. Daniel Joseph, and 3. Timothy William Nold.

(9) Constance Loretta, m. Carl Edward Nordt, March 3, 1951 and they have three children: 1. Deborah Kathryn, 2. Margaret (Peggy) Lynn, and 3. Linda Suzanne Nordt.

(10) John Henry Nold m. Doris Jean King March 7, 1953 and they are parents of four children: 1. John Allen, 2. Julie Anne, 3. Jeffrey Roy, and 4. Jerome Patrick Nold.

10. Leo F. A. Nold, lives in Grand Island, Nebr., b. Aug. 29, 1887, m. Rose Swaters May 10, 1910. No issue.

11. William O. Nold, lives in Grand Island, Nebr., b. June 3, 1890, m. Nora Swaters May 4, 1915 and they have one son: (1) Marion James, m. Frances Sheehan Jan. 20, 1951.

Katharina Felten Nold is said to have counseled a niece: "You can gain Heaven by having children." With this fine record of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren as a criterion, we are willing to concede that she is worthy of that reward.

## THE H. JOSEPH FELTEN FAMILY

This is the first of the Joseph Felten families. One of the cousins wrote: "There were three Joseph Feltens—they were known as Kansas City Joe, Boonville Joe, and Clear Creek Joe. They were all first cousins and in the same age group." This is "Clear Creek Joe," second son and fourth child of Bertram Josef and Margaret Hamacher Felten.

(4) *Herman Joseph Felten* was born May 9, 1853 and died at his home near Pilot Grove, Mo. Feb. 18, 1937. He married Mary Teresa Sanger (born Nelson) Jan. 15, 1895. She was born March 1, 1869 and died July 24, 1945. They were the parents of eight children. Two children died in infancy; the other six are:

1. Margaretta, lives in Portland, Oregon, married Clifford Schrader and they were the parents of four children: (1) Mary, (2) Edward, (3) Alberta, and (4) Augustine Schrader. We have no further record on these children.
2. Bertram Joseph, lives in New Franklin, Mo., was born Feb. 12, 1903, single.
3. Philip Leo, born Nov. 21, 1905, is unmarried and lives in New Franklin, Mo.
4. John Herman, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. Oct. 31, 1908, m. Dorothy Quigley and they have one daughter: (1) Jacquelin Felten, b. July 16, 1946.
5. Rose Catherine, lives in Kansas City, Kansas, b. April 4, 1912, m. Richard Draper, no children.
6. Mary Augusta, b. Aug. 1, 1914, d. Nov. 6, 1955, m. John Williams Feb. 1929 and they were the parents of nine children: (1) John Joseph, b. Aug. 5, 1930, d. March 17, 1959 in California, m. Mary Lou Sutters Jan. 28, 1954 and they had two children: 1. Joyce Marie, b. March 3, 1955, and 2. John Joseph Williams Jr., b. Nov. 7, 1957; (2) Wilbur Bernard, b. June 6, 1932, m. Thelma Tamba Jan. 1, 1955 and they have three children: 1. Judith Marie, b. Jan. 13, 1957, 2. and 3. Twins, Steven John and Gary Allen Williams, b. July 2, 1959; (3) Robert Cecil, b. Jan. 20, 1934, m. Erma Catherine Kempf Feb. 8, 1954 and they have three children: 1. Michael William, b. Aug. 30, 1956, 2. Rhonda Catherine, b. Feb. 5, 1958, and 3. Mitchell Allen Williams, b. Feb. 4, 1959; (4) Roy Lee, b. April 29, 1936; (5) William Wayne, b. July 11, 1938, m. Carol Winebrenner Dec. 2, 1956, and they have two children: 1. Jeffrey Wayne, b. Oct. 12, 1957, and 2. Susan Lynne, b. Feb. 26, 1959; (6) Kenneth Ray, b. March 11, 1941; (7) Darrell Dean, b. Oct. 13, 1942; (8) Roger Dale, b. Sept. 18, 1944; and (9) Mary Joan Williams, b. June 10, 1946.



## RECORD OF AGNES FELTEN AND JOSEPH DIEL

This is the first of the Diel families. Three of the daughters of Bertram and Margaret Hamacher Felten married Diels and two of their husbands were named Joseph Diel. The two Joseph Diels were cousins and Joseph, the husband of Agnes Felten, was a brother of Jacob Diel, who married Margaret Felten. We are grateful to Nora Diel Reuter of Pilot Grove, Mo. for setting us straight on these branches of the family and furnishing addresses for many with whom we were not acquainted and who otherwise might have been left out. Her scrapbook has been of invaluable aid—we would recommend more scrapbooks! But let us pass on a bit of advice which experience has taught her—do not fail to insert a date, particularly the year, to each clipping, as that helps immeasurably in preparing records.

(5) *Agnes Felten* was born Dec. 26, 1855 and died April 12, 1924. She married Joseph Diel Oct. 16, 1873. He was born Sept. 16, 1851 and died May 16, 1937. They were the parents of ten children:

1. Mary Diel, born Sept. 26, 1874, died at the home of her son, Ollie Pabst, near Clifton City, Mo. July 29, 1958, was married May 30, 1893 to John Pabst. Issue, thirteen children:

(1) Aloysius H. (Ollie), m. Wilhelmina Twenter April 14, 1921 and they were the parents of eight children: 1. Virgil John, m. Coletta Kempf Oct. 1, 1946, and they have two children: (a) Earl Wayne, and (b) Eugene David Pabst; 2. Virginia Marie, twin sister of Virgil John, now Sister Mary Adelma, O.S.B. of St. Scholastica Convent, Fort Smith, Arkansas; 3. Lawrence Albert, b. Feb. 9, 1923, d. Feb. 6, 1924; 4. John Aloysius, m. Velma Franken Sept. 25, 1946 and they have two children: (a) Judith Ann, and (b) Gerald Anthony Pabst; 5. Robert Alphonse; 6. Irene Florence, b. Jan. 4, 1932, d. May 20, 1944; 7. James Edward, b. April 27, 1933, d. May 20, 1944. Both Irene Florence and James Edward Pabst were killed by lightning May 20, 1944 when they took shelter under a tree during a thunderstorm; and 8. Dolores Marie Pabst, m. Raymond Stoecklein June 27, 1959.

(2) Josephine A., m. Aloysius (Ollie) Zeller Oct. 20, 1920 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Lorene Marie, m. John Carpenter Nov. 29, 1942 and they have five children: (a) John, (b) Margaret Josephine, (c) Marie, (d) Constance, and (e) William Carpenter; 2. Norbert George, m. Geneva Hughes Dec. 1, 1951 and they have four children: (a) Georgia Ann, (b) Donna Marie, (c) Bruce Arthur, and (d) Edward Michael Zeller; 3. Charles Francis, m. Evon Points Feb. 27, 1950 and they have two children: (a) Randy Ray, and (b) Sherry Lee Zeller; 4. Louise Eleanor, m. Roman Knight June 28, 1947 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Curtis Joseph, (b) Rebecca, and (c) Linda Marie Knight; and 5. Kenneth Ray Zeller, m. Marie Borges Sept. 16, 1950 and they have four children: (a) Barbara Ann,

(b) Beverly Jean, (c) Janice Irene, and (d) Donald Raymond Zeller.

(3) Frances Catherine, now Sister Mary Dolores, O.S.B. of St. Scholastica Convent, Fort Smith, Ark.

(4) Herbert Herman, b. June 18, 1898, d. April 11, 1904.

(5) Raymond Victor, b. July 2, 1903, d. March 23, 1916.

(6) Eleanor Catherine, m. Albert H. Twenter Jan. 21, 1920 and they were the parents of four children: 1. Alberta Marie, m. Nicholas Gentry Patterson July 27, 1940 and they have one adopted daughter: (a) Elizabeth Anne Patterson; 2. Henrietta Dolores, m. Robert Rouchka June 24, 1947 and they have two children: (a) John Lee, and (b) Kathryn Marie Rouchka; 3. Harold Aloysius, b. Sept. 22, 1925, d. Nov. 11, 1953, m. Phyllis Head Aug. 3, 1948, and they had four children: (a) Dorothy Ann, (b) Terry Lynn, (c) Carol Sue, and (d) Nancy Jean Twenter; and 4. Joseph William Twenter, m. Marvella Butler May 2, 1951 and they are the parents of five children: (a) Judith Ann, (b) Janet Kay, (c) Joseph Michael, (d) Theresa Louise, and (e) Anita Jeanette Twenter. Albert H. Twenter died June 25, 1934 and Eleanor Catherine Pabst married 2nd Paul Meyers Feb. 22, 1943. No issue of this marriage.

(7) Emil Joseph, m. Cecelia Lorenz June 17, 1925 and they have four children: 1. Margaret Catherine, m. Clarence Kruse Nov. 16, 1946 and they have two children: (a) Ronald Joseph, and (b) Dale Lynn Kruse; 2. William Donald, m. Norma Weis Jan. 14, 1950 and they are the parents of two children: (a) Barbara Ann, and (b) Donald Wayne Pabst; 3. Betty Ann, m. Virgil Kempf May 21, 1949 and they have one son: (a) Virgil John Kempf; and 4. Jo Ann, twin sister of Betty Ann, m. DuWayne Cramer June 17, 1948 and they have one son: (a) Wayne Eugene Cramer.

(8) Marie Johanna, m. Alex Lorenz Jan. 28, 1925. Issue, nine children: 1. John A., m. Betty Ann Crokan Jan. 22, 1949 and they are the parents of four children: (a) Bonnie Sue, (b) John William, (c) Connie Frances, and (d) Ronald Dean Lorenz; 2. Earlene Marie, m. Julius Twenter May 6, 1950, and they have one daughter: (a) Linda Marie Twenter; 3. Raymond Albert, m. Betty Hupprich Nov. 3, 1951 and they have two children: (a) Richard Allen, and (b) Vicky Kay Lorenz; 4. Doris Mathilda, m. Kenneth Kempf Dec. 26, 1953 and they have three children: (a) Debra Marie, (b) Donna Jean, and (c) Robert Joseph Kempf; 5. William Joseph, m. Margaret Greer Dec. 6, 1958; 6. Robert Leo; 7. Elmer Aloysius; 8. Norbert Dennis; and 9. Harold Leroy Lorenz.

(9) Frederick Joseph, m. Lorene Gramlich Dec. 1, 1934 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Shirlene Marie, m. Thomas Huddleston June 1, 1957 and they have one son: (a) James Frederick Huddleston; 2. William Raymond, m. Betty June Bechtold Oct. 4, 1958; 3. Juanita Rose; 4. Virginia Caroline; and 5. Charles Wilbert Pabst.



(10) Martha Lenora, m. Leo Zeller April 23, 1929 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Martha Lee, m. Robert Roberts Nov. 22, 1951, and they have three children: (a) James Dale, (b) Carol Jean, and (c) Donald Wayne Roberts; 2. Gerald Raymond; 3. Margaret Jeanette; 4. Patricia Josephine; and 5. John Dean Zeller.

(11) Leonard Dennis, m. Edna Wicker Sept. 3, 1938 and they have one daughter: 1. Louise Ann Pabst.

(12) Elizabeth Margaret, m. Harold Rugen Oct. 27, 1936 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Helen Louise, m. Edward Seifert June 2, 1956, and they have one daughter: (a) Rhonda Marie Seifert; 2. Mildred Lucille; and 3. Margaret Jeanette Rugen.

(13) Florence Emma, m. Leonard Lottinville Dec. 26, 1940 and they are the parents of five children: 1. James Leroy, 2. Patricia Ann, 3. Wayne Michael, 4. Sandra Jane, and 5. Mark Joseph Lottinville.

A vote of thanks to Alberta Twenter Patterson of Sedalia, Mo., granddaughter of Mary Diel Pabst, for compiling the data on this Pabst family. This is the largest of the third-generation lines. At the time of Mary Diel Pabst's death July 29, 1958, she had over one hundred living descendants. An unchallenged record!

2. Herman Joseph, b. Oct. 28, 1876, d. Sept. 30, 1958, m. Mattie Estella Woolery Feb. 19, 1901. They were the parents of two children: (1) Sarah Agnes (lives in Smithton, Mo.), m. Leo W. Edwards May 20, 1925 and they had three children: 1. Jack Duane, b. Apr. 20, 1927, d. Sept. 11, 1927, 2. Jerry Dean, m. Lee Anna Huffman Oct. 9, 1954 and they have two children: (a) Marva Lee, and (b) Jerrilyn Jo Edwards, and 3. Richard Leon Edwards; (2) Maribelle, m. Glenn David Johnson April 29, 1939 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Doris Kathryn, m. Doyle Leon Little Oct. 18, 1958, 2. Elbert Kenneth, and 3. Robert Laverne Johnson.
3. Catherine Ursula, b. Oct. 21, 1878, d. Sept. 23, 1925 at Pilot Grove, Mo., m. Fred D. Vollrath April 12, 1904. Issue, six children: (1) Mary Agnes, m. Joseph F. Lang June 25, 1930 and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Francis Joseph, m. Leucadia Mendes June 20, 1952 and they have two children: (a) Mary Cecelia, and (b) Ronald Leon Lang, 2. Mary Irene, m. Leonard O. Gerke Aug. 28, 1951 and they have five children: (a) James Leonard, (b) Mary Elizabeth, (c) Thomas Anthony, (d) Roy Wayne, and (e) Kent Joseph Gerke, 3. Rose Ann, 4. Rita Jean, m. Arthur H. Twenter, Jr. April 10, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Mark Alan, and (b) Debbie Sue Twenter, 5. Joan Margaret, m. Curtis Kammerich Sept. 17, 1957 and they have two children: (a) Nancy Joan, and (b) Curtis Randall Kammerich, 6. Karen Elaine, and 7. Terrence Jude Lang; (2) Joseph Cletus, m. Lorene Stoecklein Jan. 10, 1933 and they have eight children: 1. Wilbur

Raymond, m. Eunice Knipp Jan. 11, 1955, and they have two sons: (a) Stephen Wayne, and (b) Mark Alan Vollrath, 2. Joseph Cletus Jr., 3. Joyce Marie, m. Kenneth Knipp Aug. 25, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Theresa Jane, and (b) Michael Joseph Knipp, 4. Janet Kathryn, m. Charles Young Oct. 10, 1959, 5. Barbara Jean, 6. James Otto, 7. David William, and 8. Donald Wayne Vollrath; (3) Raymond Frederick, b. Nov. 7, 1910, d. Dec. 24, 1942; (4) Agnes Frances m. Richard Fernsler May 2, 1935; (5) Frank W., m. Berniece Malicoat Nov. 17, 1951 and they have three daughters: 1. Wanda Mae, 2. Mary Louise, and 3. Brenda Kay Vollrath; and (6) Fred Daniel, m. Irene Schulte Jan. 13, 1948 and they have four children: 1. Mary Diane, 2. Dennis Ray, 3. Robert Dale, and 4. Patricia Jean Vollrath.

4. Jacob Valentine, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. Jan. 15, 1881, m. Emma Elizabeth Neckerman Feb. 13, 1906. Issue, eight children: (1) Michael Joseph, b. Dec. 8, 1906, d. Sept. 19, 1909; (2) Helen Agnes, b. Aug. 2, 1908, d. Dec. 6, 1920; (3) Michael Joseph (same name as first child who died), m. Marie M. Gramlich Feb. 11, 1939 and they have six children: 1. Doreen Carol, 2. Michael Jacob, 3. Wanda Marie, 4. Darrell Francis, 5. Lynn Eugene, and 6. Curtis William Diel; (4) Carl Edwin, m. Mary Grace Roth Sept. 6, 1937 and they have two children: 1. Virginia Rose, and 2. Robert Wayne Diel; (5) Oscar William, m. Virginia May Martin Sept. 17, 1940 and they have one daughter: 1. Joyce Ann Diel; (6) Wilbert Aloysius, m. Dolores Dooley March 3, 1943 and they have five children: 1. Thomas Raymond, 2. Margaret Mary, 3. Janie Ellen, 4. William Joseph, and 5. Charles Michael Diel; (7) Loretto Antoinette, b. July 20, 1920, d. April 7, 1921; and (8) Mildred Pauline, m. Harold Leonard Esser. (See this record in the Lorenz Esser line under Bertram Joseph Esser).
5. Anna, lives in Pilot Grove, Mo., b. April 1, 1883, m. Fred Eckerle Feb. 17, 1903. Issue: seven children: (1) Frank, m. Flora Larm Jan. 29, 1929 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Norman, m. Joan Klott May 4, 1953 and they have three children: (a) Cynthia Lynn, (b) Jean Ellen, and (c) Mary Kay Eckerle, 2. Douglas, 3. Merilene, 4. Russell, m. Alice Redden and they have one son: (a) Russell Allen Eckerle, 5. Bernadette, m. Delbert Shaeffer Jan. 30, 1960, and 6. Jeanette Eckerle; (2) Kathryn, m. Philip Day Sept. 8, 1931 and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Delores, m. Eugene Rachaner May 3, 1958, 2. Harold Joe, 3. Alice m. Gerald Wirths June 9, 1956 and they have one child: (a) Diane Wirths, 4. Jerome, m. Joyce Twenter Sept. 12, 1959, 5. Kenneth, 6. Gerald, and 7. Phyllis Day; (3) Herbert, m. Bernice Gerling Nov. 10, 1943 and they have three children: 1. Marjorie, 2. Darrell, and 3. Wayne Eckerle; (4) Alfred, m. Marie Schibi June 12, 1934 and they were the parents of five children: 1. Donald, 2. James, 3. Lawrence, 4. Kenneth, and 5.



Jerome Eckerle; (5) Isabelle, m. Barney Wessing Oct. 22, 1935 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Charles, m. Kathryn Jayne Kempf Oct. 17, 1959, 2. Earl, 3. Patricia, 4. Margaret, 5. Bernadette, and 6. Gerry Wessing; (6) Lee, m. Esther Redley Nov. 10, 1949 and they have one child: 1. Karen Jo Eckerle; and (7) Virgil, m. Bonnie Kirby May 22, 1948 and they have two children: 1. Debra, and 2. Linda Eckerle.

6. John, b. May 26, 1885, d. Jan. 8, 1912.

7. Leonora Jacobena Diel, lives in Pilot Grove, Mo., was born Nov. 27, 1887, married Frank Andrew Reuter Feb. 6, 1906. He was the son of William John and Margaret Anne Walz Reuter, and was born Nov. 30, 1881 and died March 22, 1947. They were the parents of seven children:

(1) Bertram William, b. Nov. 16, 1906, m. Merina Probst Feb. 28, 1938, and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Marjorie, b. Jan. 5, 1940; 2. Carol Sue, b. Oct. 15, 1942, m. Marvin Kline Feb. 27, 1960; 3. Ronald Mathias, b. July 15, 1945; 4. James Lee, b. April 10, 1947; 5. Linda Louise, b. July 15, 1949; 6. John Joseph, b. Sept. 28, 1951; and 7. Mary Lenora Reuter, b. Aug. 28, 1954.

(2) Herman Joseph, b. March 17, 1908, d. July 9, 1951, m. Florence Wessing April 3, 1934 and they had six children: 1. Barbara Rose, b. Oct. 29, 1944; 2. Marilyn Leonora, b. Sept. 30, 1945; 3. Jerome Francis (Jerry), b. Oct. 18, 1946; 4. Doris Marie, b. Dec. 2, 1947; 5. Marjorie Ann, b. Dec. 15, 1948; and 6. Harold Joseph Reuter, b. June 14, 1950.

(3) Mary Pauline, b. June 22, 1910, m. William Wessing April 10, 1934 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Alice Lenora, b. June 24, 1936, m. Robert Kraus June 2, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Kent Kevin, b. April 12, 1957, and (b) Warren William Kraus, b. Aug. 23, 1958; 2. Virginia Wilhelmina, b. Dec. 20, 1938; 3. Marilyn Jeanette, b. Feb. 2, 1941; 4. Dorothy Lorene, b. July 2, 1943; and 5. Harold Leo Wessing, b. Oct. 12, 1946.

(4) Leonard Frederick, b. Feb. 28, 1912, m. Stella Wessing Oct. 10, 1939, and they have six children: 1. Robert Leo, b. Aug. 1, 1940; 2. Bonnie Marie, b. July 30, 1942; 3. Kenneth Francis, b. Oct. 22, 1944; 4. Earl William, b. Jan. 16, 1947; 5. John Joseph, b. Jan. 29, 1949; and 6. James Henry Reuter, b. Feb. 19, 1953.

(5) Richard Jacob, b. April 3, 1914, m. Sylvia Elsinger Jan. 24, 1942, no children.

(6) Paul Leo, b. Feb. 16, 1916, m. Mary Ann Elsinger Aug. 23, 1941 and they have three children: 1. Diane Marie, b. April 9, 1943; 2. David Leo, b. Dec. 26, 1947; and 3. Denise Ann Reuter, b. May 8, 1953.

(7) Ralph Vincent, b. Aug. 7, 1920, m. Levina Schoen Jan. 22, 1946 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Mary Lea, b. Oct. 30, 1946; 2. Frank Vincent, b. June 19, 1948; 3. Norman Leonard, b. Oct. 10, 1949; 4. Martha Mae, b. July 17, 1952; 5.

- Brenda Kay, b. Aug. 24, 1953; and 6. Bernard Joseph Reuter, b. April 20, 1956.
8. William Diel, b. July 28, 1890, d. Oct. 25, 1918. Did not marry.
  9. Sophie Diel, b. Feb. 5, 1893, d. April 7, 1896.
  10. Matilda Margaret Diel, lives in Clifton City, Mo., was born March 15, 1895 and married Joseph Philip Reuter Oct. 28, 1914. Issue, six children:
    - (1) Clemens Joseph, b. July 27, 1915, m. Margie Erma Needy Sept. 11, 1943 and they have two children: 1. Ghery Dee, b. Feb. 5, 1945; and 2. Sandra Lea Reuter, b. March 31, 1948.
    - (2) Leona Rosaline, b. Aug. 17, 1917, m. Harold J. Bernard Aug. 30, 1943. No children.
    - (3) Alice Lenora, b. Feb. 15, 1921, d. April 7, 1921.
    - (4) Lucille Joan, b. May 17, 1922.
    - (5) Esther Frances, b. Oct. 26, 1925, m. John R. (Jack) Brown June 9, 1945 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Donna Sue, b. March 26, 1946; 2. Mary Kathryn, b. Oct. 26, 1950; 3. James Robert, b. Sept. 25, 1952; 4. Steven Allen, b. May 29, 1955; and 5. Tommy Joe Brown, b. Sept. 25, 1957.
    - (6) Agnes Marie Reuter, b. Oct. 2, 1928, m. Frank Leo Imhoff Jan. 20, 1948 and they have three children: 1. David Louis, b. Nov. 12, 1948; 2. Michael Lee, b. June 13, 1951; and 3. Debra Joan Imhoff, b. Feb. 25, 1956.

#### RECORD OF CHRISTINA FELTEN AND WILLIAM SCHUSTER

Following is the record of the first half of the William Schuster family. (The second half is not allied to the Felten line.) The Schuster family is without question the largest relationship in Cooper County. Small wonder that finally the fourth and fifth generations had to travel afield to find spouses, but we have only one case where a Schuster married a Schuster. (See the Leonard Schuster record under Francis Joseph Schuster.) Strangely enough though, he did not find her in the county.

(6) *Christina Felten* was born Dec. 23, 1857 and died Sept. 6, 1894. She married William Schuster who was born in Saxony, Germany July 4, 1850 and died Oct. 22, 1915. Issue, ten children:

1. Frederick Joseph, b. Dec. 31, 1873, married 1st Anna Koechner and they had four children: (1) Adela Helena, m. William Schollmeyer March 2, 1933 and they have two children: 1. Francis, and 2. Leo Schollmeyer; (2) Elinor Christine, m. William J. O'Shea Sept. 4, 1943, no children; (3) Arthur Henry, married 1st Christine Pletschlette June 17, 1930 and they were the parents of four children: 1. Mary Ann, m. Fred Novotny and they have four children: (a) Michelle Marie, (b) Frederick Stephen, (c) Kevin Joseph, and (d) Christine Ann Novotny, 2. Arthur Henry Jr., m. Marita Werdel June 13, 1959, 3. Mildred Christine, m. Ralph Rapp and they have six children: (a) Ronald Dean, (b) Donald Wayne,



(c) William Lee, (d) Edward Joseph, (e) Barbara Ann, and (f) Wanda Sue Rapp, and 4. Paul Jerome Schuster. Christine Pletschlette Schuster died March 16, 1938 and Arthur Henry Schuster married 2nd Catherine Walz April 11, 1942 and they have two children. So that all the children of Arthur Schuster are in sequence, these children will be numbered 5 and 6. The two children are: 5. Charles William, and 6. James Edward Schuster; and (4) Teresa Schuster, who died and was buried with her mother, Anna Koechner Schuster, who died Oct. 1, 1904.

Frederick J. Schuster married 2nd Genevieve Brummel June 6, 1906 and they are the parents of seven children. For purposes of genealogical order, these seven children are listed from 5 to 11 so that all children of Frederick J. Schuster shall be in sequence though having different mothers. The seven children: (5) Benedicta, Sister Mary Teresa, O.S.B. of Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, S. Dak.; (6) Mildred; (7) Leo, Father Daniel, O.S.B., b. May 10, 1911, d. March 20, 1956, ordained at Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo. May 2, 1940; (8) Winifred, Sister Mary Xavier, O.S.B. of Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, S. Dak.; (9) Gertrude, Sister Mary Faith, O.S.B. of Mt. St. Scholastica Convent, Atchison, Kansas; (10) Fred Jr.; and (11) Imelda, Sister Mary Scholastica, O.S.B. of Mt. St. Scholastica Convent, Atchison, Kansas. The Fred Schusters live in Pilot Grove, Mo.

2. Margaret Wilhelmina, born May 1, 1876, died in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 2, 1954, married Frank Matthew Wittman and they were the parents of three children: (1) Irene Ann, m. Samuel West Beissel Sept. 10, 1921 and they had two children: 1. Margaret Irene, b. Aug. 5, 1922, d. July 10, 1926, and 2. Samantha Ann, m. James Clifton Lovelace Sept. 4, 1945 and they have two children: (a) James Clifton II, and (b) Mary Christine Lovelace; (2) Joseph William, m. Helen V. Blake Jan. 9, 1924 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Joseph Raymond, m. Joan Lohman June 4, 1949 and they have two children: (a) Joseph Keith, and (b) Diane Wittman, 2. Raymond Thomas, 3. Mary Alice, m. Richard Broaders June 2, 1951, 4. Helen Virginia, m. Gene McAtee Aug. 23, 1952 and they have three children: (a) Michael, (b) Patricia Ann, and (c) Kathryn McAtee, and 5. Margaret Ann Wittman; (3) Frank Matthew, m. Theresa Mary Laskowitz Feb. 23, 1925 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Theresa Mary, m. Francis Joseph Costello Jr. Aug. 14, 1948 and they have three children: (a) Francis Joseph, (b) Michael Joseph, and (c) Joseph Bradley Costello, 2. Frances Margaret, m. E. Richard Steger Jan. 17, 1948 and they have three daughters: (a) Karen Sue, (b) Kathryn Ann, and (c) Barbara Jean Steger, and 3. Margaret Anne Wittman, m. Anthony Francis Ramacciotti Jan. 8, 1955 and they have one son: (a) Jeffrey Thomas Ramacciotti.

Frank Matthew Wittman died Nov. 5, 1901 and Margaret Wilhelmina Schuster married 2nd Philip John Hoffmann Aug. 16, 1905



and they were the parents of five children. So that all the children of Margaret Wilhelmina Schuster will follow in sequence, these five children will be numbered from 4 to 8. They are: (4) Loretto Cecilia, m. Francis Henry Corcoran Aug. 16, 1927 and they were the parents of four children: 1. Joan Frances, m. James Robert Young Aug. 17, 1957, 2. Patricia Ann, m. Charles Joseph Ash June 9, 1955 and they have one daughter: (a) Carol Jean Ash, 3. Francis Henry, and 4. Eileen Mary Corcoran. Francis Henry Corcoran died Oct. 31, 1955 and Loretto Cecilia Hoffmann married 2nd Walter Schmiedeskamp June 28, 1958; (5) Isabelle Monica Hoffmann, m. Melbourne Edmund Lampe, Feb. 9, 1929 and they have three children: 1. John Philip, m. Margaret Ann Donnelly June 7, 1952 and they have three children: (a) Steven, (b) John, and (c) James Lampe, 2. Philip Edmund, and 3. Donald Joseph Lampe; (6) Gerald Charles (d. June 15, 1954), m. Eileen Farrell and they had four children: 1. Philip Michael, 2. Robert Joseph, 3. Gerald Charles Jr., and 4. Mary Margaret Hoffmann; (7) Arthur Philip, m. Dorothy Kelly Oct. 7, 1950 and they have four children: 1. John Arthur, 2. Susan Marie, 3. Jean Marie, and 4. Elizabeth Rose Hoffmann; and (8) Raymond Walter Hoffmann, m. Edna Mae Mahen Nov. 8, 1941 and they have one adopted son: 1. James Joseph Hoffmann.

Our thanks to Irene Wittman Beissel of Pineville, Mo. for furnishing this record on the Wittman and Hoffmann families. Her husband, Dr. Samuel West Beissel, died Sept. 10, 1959. Most of the other members of these families live in St. Louis, Mo.

3. Anna Theresa, lives in St. Louis, Mo., was born June 9, 1878, and married Frank Charles Miller March 15, 1898. He was born Oct. 9, 1872 and died Aug. 23, 1947. Issue, eight children: (1) Clarence Charles, m. Evelyn Nancy Gibbons July 21, 1921 and they have one son: 1. Donald Charles Miller. Clarence Charles Miller m. 2nd Helen Lucille Sparks Nov. 23, 1937 and they have three children. So that all the children of Clarence Charles Miller are in sequence, these children will be numbered 2, 3, and 4. The three children are: 2. Sanda Kay, 3. Richard Allen, and 4. Glenna Lucille Miller; (2) Walter William, m. Ann Conley Oct. 3, 1942, no children; (3) Ernest Herman, b. Dec. 27, 1903, d. Sept. 24, 1953, m. Isabel Quinlan Sept. 6, 1926, and they were the parents of two sons: 1. Eugene Ernest, m. Louise Wright Jan. 21, 1950 and they have one child: (a) Jean Arlene Miller, 2. Kenneth Raymond, m. Betty Zwilling Oct. 28, 1949 and they have two daughters: (a) Patricia Joyce and (b) Christie Lynn Miller; (4) Lyman Frank, single; (5) Mary Lucille, m. Thomas Daniel Guest June 25, 1925 and they have two sons: 1. Thomas Daniel Jr., m. Gloria Jean Prado Dec. 17, 1949 and they have one daughter: (a) Diane Elaine Guest. [Thomas Daniel Guest Jr. also has a stepson William], and 2. Robert William Guest, m. Dorothy Ann Lych Dec. 26, 1950; (6) Robert Matthew, b. Feb. 18, 1911, d. May 15, 1939, m. Helen Hahn Jan. 1, 1931 and they had one son:

1. Robert Dixie Miller; (7) Marjorie Estelle, m. Theodore Frank Weber July 22, 1930 and they were the parents of one daughter: 1. Marjorie Ann, m. Robert Emmett Cronin April 19, 1952 and they have two sons: (a) Robert Michael, and (b) Joseph Gerard Cronin. Marjorie Estelle Miller married 2nd Arthur Wiegraffe April 5, 1945 and they are the parents of two children, who, for purposes of genealogical order will be numbered 2 and 3 so that all the children of Marjorie Estelle Miller will be in sequence: 2. Marilyn Audrey, and 3. Merrill Arthur Wiegraffe; and (8) Marian Virginia, m. Edward G. Wollbrinck Oct. 17, 1935 and they have three sons: 1. Edward George, 2. Wayne William, and 3. Thomas Gregg Wollbrinck.
4. Francis Joseph Schuster, b. Sept. 3, 1880, d. Dec. 23, 1933 in Pilot Grove, Mo., m. Effie Mary Martin (born Hamilton). Issue, fourteen children:
  - (1) Herman, died Aug. 5, 1904.
  - (2) Bernardine Frances, b. Jan. 31, 1905, m. Leo Henry Vollmer Nov. 10, 1925, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Francis Irvin, b. Nov. 30, 1926, m. Norma Jean Widel May 30, 1959; 2. Gertrude Dorothy, b. Jan. 13, 1929, m. Haver Charles Danner Feb. 16, 1957 and they have two children: (a) Mona Jean, b. Jan. 11, 1958, and (b) Eric Charles Danner, b. June 4, 1959; 3. Leroy Herman, b. May 5, 1931; 4. Donald William, b. Feb. 8, 1933, m. Marilyn Elaine Beers Dec. 26, 1953 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Lelia Elaine, b. Oct. 6, 1954, (b) Jeffrey Leigh, b. Jan. 3, 1957, and (c) Christopher Leo Vollmer, b. Dec. 31, 1958; and 5. Robert Leo Vollmer, b. Nov. 27, 1946.
  - (3) Leonard John, b. May 19, 1907, m. Gertrude Agnes Aggeler Oct. 2, 1929 and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Wilbur Charles, b. Sept. 11, 1930, m. Shirley Mae Morlock May 5, 1956 and they have three children: (a) Lawrence Eugene, b. Feb. 13, 1957, (b) Mark Alan, b. Oct. 9, 1958, and (c) Jo Ellen Schuster, b. Nov. 12, 1959; 2. Virgil Edward, b. May 10, 1932, m. Mary Artha Williamson Aug. 22, 1959; 3. Norbert Leonard, b. April 17, 1935, m. Louise C. Hood Jan. 7, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Stephen Joseph, b. Oct. 15, 1956, and (b) Yvonne Louise Schuster, b. May 6, 1959; 4. Marvin Ralph, b. Aug. 18, 1938, m. Ruth Ann Schuster July 5, 1958 and they have one son: (a) Mitchell Wayne Schuster, b. Sept. 3, 1959; 5. Marjorie Ann, b. Feb. 20, 1941; 6. James Leonard, b. Sept. 13, 1943; and 7. Darrell Joseph Schuster, b. March 29, 1953.
  - (4) Ralph Otto, b. Nov. 21, 1908, m. Sophia Teresa Vollmer Oct. 8, 1930, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Carol Margery, b. April 18, 1933, m. Harold Borts Jan. 16, 1953 and they have two sons: (a) Randall Louis, b. May 10, 1955, and (b) Michael Ray Borts, b. May 6, 1957; 2. Doris Jean, b. Aug. 10, 1934, m. Donald Windsor Jan. 30, 1953 and they have four chil-



dren: (a) Lawrence Keith, b. Dec. 11, 1954, (b) Mark Johnson, b. Dec. 11, 1955, (c) Kathleen Jane, b. Oct. 3, 1957, and (d) Paul Douglas Windsor, b. Nov. 12, 1959; 3. Jerome Ralph, b. Nov. 24, 1935; 4. Kenneth Warren, b. March 28, 1940, 5. Jeanette Ann, b. July 27, 1945; and 6. Steven Raymond Schuster, b. Feb. 18, 1950.

(5) Christina Mary, b. Oct. 6, 1910, m. Bernard Stallone May 28, 1944, and they have one daughter: 1. Joanne Stallone, b. March 17, 1949.

(6) Roberta Genevieve, b. Dec. 19, 1912, now Sister Mary Flora, O.S.B. of the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Missouri.

(7) Mary Helen, b. Aug. 17, 1914, m. Joseph Charles Jedlicka June 26, 1934 and they have four children: 1. Mary Jo, b. Feb. 18, 1937, m. Patrick Henry Crowe Sept. 13, 1958; 2. Margaret Sue, b. Feb. 5, 1940; 3. John Charles, b. Sept. 17, 1944; and 4. Rita Jean Jedlicka, b. Jan. 18, 1953.

(8) Margaret Adella, b. June 2, 1916, m. John Stoecklein Feb. 9, 1937, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Raymond Charles, b. Dec. 24, 1938, m. Dolores Marie Pabst June 27, 1959; 2. Paul Benedict, b. Aug. 4, 1951; and 3. Joan Margaret Stoecklein, b. Nov. 22, 1954.

(9) Francis Joseph, b. Aug. 25, 1917, now Father Philip, O.S.B., was ordained at Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo. March 29, 1948.

(10) Raymond Joseph, b. Nov. 3, 1919, m. Margaret Gertrude Brady June 6, 1943, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Judy Kay, b. Feb. 11, 1944; 2. Michael Raymond, b. Jan. 3, 1947; 3. Francis Joseph, b. Sept. 11, 1951; 4. Jerome David, b. Oct. 1, 1954; 5. Daniel Leo, b. July 1, 1957; and 6. Mary Christine, b. Nov. 9, 1958.

(11) Effie Elizabeth, b. Nov. 20, 1921, m. Joseph Vandiver Selby May 31, 1945 and they have four children: 1. Joseph Vandiver, Jr., b. Aug. 25, 1946; 2. Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 5, 1947; 3. James Michael, b. Sept. 22, 1948; and 4. Thomas Joseph Selby, b. Oct. 2, 1952.

(12) Richard Joseph, b. Dec. 3, 1922, d. Feb. 15, 1960, m. Mary Helen Imhoff and they had seven children: 1. Marjorie Ann, b. Jan. 28, 1949; 2. Linda Sue, b. Feb. 7, 1950; 3. Richard Joseph Jr., b. Oct. 10, 1951; 4. Ronald Wayne, b. April 22, 1953; 5. Mary Kay, b. June 1, 1954; 6. Barbara Jean, b. Sept. 24, 1955; and 7. Patricia Jane Schuster, b. Feb. 1, 1957.

(13) Rosaline, twin sister of Richard Joseph, b. Dec. 3, 1922, now Sister M. Regina, O.S.F. of St. Francis Convent, Nevada, Mo.

(14) Isabel Agnes, b. Aug. 10, 1924, m. Leonard Anthony Lang Sept. 14, 1943, and they have five children: 1. Leonard Francis, b. June 27, 1944; 2. Marilyn Katherine, b. June 28, 1947; 3. Evelyn Marie, b. April 29, 1949; 4. Melvin Leonard, b. Sept. 12, 1955; and 5. David Anthony Lang, b. Jan. 4, 1957.



5. Mary Christine, b. Sept. 8, 1882, d. Oct. 13, 1954 in Boonville Mo.; m. Henry George Lammers Oct. 20, 1903. Issue, eight children: (1) Roy William, m. Mary Felten. See the Bernard Felten record for listing of their children; (2) Raymond Henry, m. Mary Emilie Young Sept. 18, 1934 and they have two children: 1. Carole Janet, m. James Joseph Moore Sept. 8, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Joseph Patrick, and (b) Angela Christine Moore, and 2. David Raymond Lammers; (3) Leona Christine (Ona), m. Leonard John Stoecklein June 20, 1933 and they have four children: 1. Marjorie Ann, m. Norbert William Stuesse Aug. 17, 1957 and they have one daughter: (a) Monica Ann Stuesse, 2. Doris Marie, 3. Leonard John Jr., and 4. Linda Rose Stoecklein; (4) Robert Charles, m. Hester Emeline Reynolds Jan. 31, 1942 and they have one son: 1. Charles Stephen Lammers; (5) Mary Estelle; (6) Marvin Francis, m. Mary Jane McGurn Oct. 7, 1950 and they are the parents of three daughters: 1. Marine Estelle, 2. Jane Ellen, and 3. Mary Germaine Lammers; (7) Ernest Leo, m. Margery Jean Pigmon July 18, 1953 and they have three children: 1. Christine Grace, 2. Ernest Daniel, and 3. Margery Teresa Lammers; and (8) Mabel Marie Lammers.
6. Sophia Bernadena, b. March 10, 1886, lives in Pilot Grove, Mo., m. Frank Lammers April 28, 1908. Issue, four children: (1) Virginia, b. April 16, 1909, d. Nov. 6, 1928; (2) Edna, m. Ernest Kempf June 26, 1933 and they had five children: 1. Mary Lee, m. Norman Gerke Nov. 16, 1957, and they have one daughter: (a) Bernadette Rose Gerke, 2. John, b. July 7, 1938, d. Aug. 22, 1942, 3. James, 4. David, and 5. Jerome Kempf; (3) Harold, m. Grace Gerling Sept. 2, 1940 and they have three children: 1. Mary Kathryn, 2. Harold Jr., and 3. Joseph Lammers; and (4) Eunice, m. Wilbert Horst Sept. 1, 1936 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Joann, 2. Gerald, and 3. Wilma Sue Horst.
7. John Leo, b. Jan. 20, 1888, married Mary Magdalen Gross on Oct. 5, 1909. They were the parents of six children: (1) Ethel Elizabeth, b. July 20, 1910, d. June 15, 1934, m. Edgar Leo Felten Feb. 21, 1933, and they had one daughter: 1. Virginia Frances, m. Robert Joseph Stone Oct. 11, 1952 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Robert Joseph, (b) Gary Dale, and (c) Cynthia Ann Stone; (2) Bernice Anna, m. Charles Hubert Aggeler Feb. 1, 1932 and they are the parents of ten children: 1. Father Vincent Hubert Aggeler, C.S.S.R. ordained June 24, 1958, a member of the Redemptorist Fathers at St. Alphonsus Church, St. Louis, Mo., 2. Donald Lee, m. Dorothy Ann Kramps Oct. 30, 1954 and they have one son: (a) Michael Gerard Aggeler, 3. Juanita May, m. Donald Leo Klein May 19, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Donna Ann, and (b) Randal Vincent Klein, 4. Phyllis Ann, 5. Maureen Ruth, b. Sept. 17, 1942, d. Sept. 17, 1942, 6. Harold David, 7. Lyle James, 8. Marilyn Kay, 9. Ted Ray, b. Nov. 20, 1952, d. Nov. 23, 1952, and 10. Ted Robert Aggeler; (3) Maurice John, b. March 30, 1914, d. Sept. 23, 1944 m. Leona

Mattie Newman Jan. 8, 1940 and they were the parents of four children: 1. Beverly Jean, m. Ivan Dale Norman June 18, 1958 and they have one daughter: (a) Lee Ann Marie Norman, 2. LaVonne Joy, 3. Mary Ann, and 4. John Maurice Schuster; (4) Walter George, b. July 9, 1915, d. June 25, 1959; (5) Robert Francis, m. Agnes Catherine Gramlich Oct. 1, 1949 and they have two children: 1. Ronald Wayne, and 2. Carol Marie Schuster; and (6) John Edward Schuster.

Mary Magdalen (Gross) Schuster died Sept. 9, 1941 and John Leo Schuster married 2nd Lottie Mildred Wessing Sept. 29, 1947. They live near Pilot Grove, Mo.

8. Leona Magdalen, lives near California, Mo., was born June 17, 1890, and married Henry Anthony Meyer April 25, 1911. Issue, eight children: (1) Eva Margaret, m. Joseph Henry Bence July 22, 1939 and they have one son: 1. Robert Joseph Bence; (2) Martha Agnes, m. Jerome Joseph Day June 16, 1934 and they have three children: 1. Jerome Joseph Jr., 2. Donna Leona, and 3. William Henry Day; (3) Henry Oscar, b. Aug. 5, 1916, d. April 7, 1952; (4) Dorothy Marie, m. Lewis Eugene Miller Dec. 24, 1940 and they have one daughter: 1. Marilyn Ann Miller; (5) Joan Mildred, m. Robert Lois Martin March 7, 1942; (6) Charles William, m. Opal Mae Medlen Sept. 1, 1947 and they have three children: 1. Mary Sue, 2. Kathryn Ann, and 3. Wayne Charles Meyer; (7) Leo Joseph, m. Glenda Louise Jones Sept. 21, 1946 and they have four children: 1. Laurence Francis, 2. Alan Leo, 3. Gary Thomas, and 4. Philip John Meyer; and (8) Laurence Francis, b. July 7, 1925, d. Nov. 23, 1937.
9. Christine Bernadine, lives in Marshall, Mo., was born Aug. 13, 1892, and married William Lawrence Wittman May 2, 1916. They are the parents of ten children: (1) Marguerite Winifred, m. Frank B. Kouba Dec. 9, 1947 and they have four children: 1. Roger Kenneth, 2. Cheryl Ann, 3. Randall Richard, and 4. Cynthia Kay Kouba; (2) Bernice Catherine, m. Daniel Francis Lehane June 26, 1940 and they have three children: 1. Joyce Elaine, 2. Daniel Francis, and 3. Michael Joseph Lehane; (3) Marie Elizabeth, m. Clarence Joseph Barr June 28, 1948 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Carol Marie, 2. Robert Joseph, 3. Paul Alan, 4. Cathy Joan, and 5. Mark William Barr; (4) Leonard William, m. Elaine Head March 5, 1950 and they have two children: 1. David Lawrence, and 2. Diane Lee Wittman; (5) Helen Gertrude, m. Charles B. Kent March 17, 1947 and they have five children: 1. Barbara June, 2. Stephen Charles, 3. Mary Joan, 4. Richard William, and 5. Laura Jane Kent; (6) Mary Catherine, m. Virgil Berberet Dec. 26, 1946 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Glen Richard, 2. Gail Susan, and 3. Michael Lee Berberet; (7) Ruth Delores, m. Harold Weislocher June 6, 1947 and they have two children: 1. Janice Marie, and 2. Thomas Franklin Weislocher; (8) Robert Joseph; (9) Alice Mae, m. Joseph Xavier Heinzler Oct. 25, 1958, and they have one son: 1. Joseph Todd



Heinzler; and (10) William Charles Wittman, m. Marilyn Yvonne Forck Nov. 14, 1959.

10. William Matthew, b. Aug. 23, 1894, d. Jan. 21, 1895.

*Note*—After the death of Christina Felten Schuster, William Schuster m. 2nd Anna Vollrath and to this union eleven children were born. They are not listed in this booklet as their record does not pertain to the Felten family.

#### THE JOHN ANDREW FELTEN FAMILY

(7) *John Andrew Felten* was born in Cooper County, Missouri May 2, 1860 and died in Minneapolis, Kansas May 2, 1943 on his eighty-third birthday. He married Elizabeth Meistrell Sept. 27, 1886 and the first years of their married life were spent near Pilot Grove, Mo. Their first five children were born there; then, they moved to Plainville, Kansas where the rest of the children were born. In the early part of 1912 they moved to Cheniere, near Monroe, La. for the benefit of Elizabeth Meistrell Felten's health, but she died there in slightly over two years, after which the family moved back to Kansas. Elizabeth Meistrell Felten was born Nov. 15, 1865 and died Sept. 16, 1914.

John Andrew and Elizabeth Meistrell Felten were the parents of nine children:

1. Margaret Felten, lives in Delphos, Kansas, born Aug. 16, 1887. Single.
2. Mary Kathryn Felten, lives in Minneapolis, Kans., was born July 7, 1889, married William Krone Feb. 7, 1910. They were the parents of ten children: (1) Anglena Elizabeth, b. April 10, 1911, d. May 14, 1936, m. Gerald Bussart Oct. 2, 1933, no children; (2) Josephine Elizabeth Catherine; (3) Mary Magdalena Teresa, m. Clarence E. Henderson Feb. 11, 1935 and they were the parents of nine children: 1. William Franklin, m. Sharon Kaye Lanue Feb. 1, 1959, 2. Alfred Eugene, m. Leola Mabel Ferguson Aug. 19, 1958, 3. Donald Andrew, 4. Albert Lee, b. May 16, 1942, d. Sept. 15, 1956, 5. Gloria Teresa, 6. Mary Alice, 7. Martha Marie, died at birth Aug. 28, 1948, 8. Clarence Jerome, and 9. Philip Steven Henderson; (4) Genevieve Leona Krone, b. Nov. 18, 1915, d. Nov. 19, 1915; (5) Marie Louise; (6) William Theodore John, m. Ola Fae Groves June 12, 1945 and they are the parents of four children: 1. William Franklin, died at birth, April 12, 1946, 2. Mary Josephine, 3. William Theodore John, Jr., and 4. James Richard Krone; (7) Vincent Joseph, m. Ruth Harriet Bostrum and they have two children: 1. Vince Ann, and 2. Carolyn Sue Krone; (8) Lavina Frances; (9) Clarence Andrew, b. July 29, 1931, d. Jan. 29, 1949; and (10) Clara Anna Krone.
3. Alberta Alice Felten, lives in Salina, Kansas, was born Aug. 15, 1891 and married Lee Vonley Ferrier Oct. 2, 1909. He died Dec. 8, 1948. They were the parents of eleven children:
  - (1) Vonley Lee, died at birth.



(2) and (3) Eulah Orelena and Beulah Magdalena, twins, born June 18, 1911.

(2) Eulah Orelena married William Merton Howe Oct. 2, 1928 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Norman Merton, b. Oct. 3, 1929, m. Edith Hannah Williams Nov. 15, 1952 and they have two children: (a) Michael William, b. Aug. 20, 1953, and (b) Norma Kay Howe, b. Dec. 5, 1955; 2. Cloyd Eugene, b. Nov. 14, 1932, m. Colleen Jacklyn Moore Jan. 28, 1956 and they have one daughter: (a) Sue Ann Howe, b. Nov. 18, 1958; 3. Evelyn Marie, b. April 15, 1935, m. James Edward Swanson July 25, 1953, and they have two children: (a) Ronald James, b. Aug. 10, 1955, and (b) Joseph Edward Swanson, b. Oct. 20, 1957; 4. Maurice Robert, b. Sept. 9, 1936, m. Noretta Jean Fagerholm Nov. 29, 1957 and they have one son: (a) Tony Edwin Howe, b. Nov. 23, 1958; 5. Leah JoAnn, b. April 5, 1939, m. Ronald James Spridgeon Feb. 2, 1955 and they have one son: (a) Randy James Spridgeon, b. Aug. 3, 1957; and 6. Eulah Maxine Howe, b. Aug. 4, 1940, m. Jerry Robert Sprinkle Sept. 13, 1957, and they have one son: (a) Scotty Robert Sprinkle, b. April 7, 1959.

(3) Beulah Magdalena Ferrier married David Burl Styer March 15, 1945 and they had two children: 1. David Burl Jr., b. May 8, 1946; and 2. Marjorie Ann Styer, b. April 16, 1947. David Burl Styer Sr. died Sept. 1, 1951.

(4) George Andrew, b. April 19, 1913, m. Ethel Beulah Garren April 3, 1937 and they have two children: 1. George Andrew Jr., b. Feb. 13, 1938, m. Adel Conklin July 7, 1958 and they have one son: (a) George Allen Ferrier, b. Jan. 29, 1960; and 2. Bonnie Jean Ferrier, b. May 18, 1940, m. Jay Edwards Aug. 31, 1957.

(5) Faye Felten Ferrier, b. Feb. 9, 1915, d. Aug. 6, 1923.

(6) Leitha Belle, b. April 2, 1918, m. Lester Earl Tabler June 30, 1935 and they had three sons: 1. Lester Earl Jr., died at birth; 2. Donald Joel, b. April 27, 1941; and 3. Lawrence Eugene Tabler, b. July 29, 1944.

(7) Purl Allen, b. Dec. 13, 1919, m. Juanita Taylor March 22, 1941 and they were the parents of three children: 1. Lorna Leigh, b. May 10, 1942; 2. Del Allen, b. March 5, 1944; and 3. John Robert Ferrier, b. May 12, 1950. Purl Allen Ferrier married 2nd Treva Stansberry (Smith) Oct. 10, 1953 and they have one daughter who, for purposes of genealogical sequence, will be listed as: 4. Victoria Purl Ferrier, b. Dec. 3, 1954.

(8) William Donald, b. Jan. 1, 1923, died Nov. 17, 1924.

(9) Elmer Lee, b. Dec. 5, 1924, m. Colleen Rose Ansberry May 12, 1952 and they have four children: 1. Sandra Jean, b. March 10, 1954; 2. Julia Ann, b. April 28, 1955; 3. Edgar Lee, b. June 24, 1957; and 4. Leslie Jo Ferrier, b. Jan. 24, 1959.

(10) Jean Louis (also Gene), b. Sept. 6, 1927, m. Virginia June Battin June 18, 1946 and they were the parents of five children:

1. Stephen, b. Jan. 4, 1947; 2. Mary Elizabeth, b. Dec. 21, 1949; 3. Marsha June, b. March 11, 1951; 4. Craig Eugene, b. Sept. 24, 1953; and 5. Donna Leigh, b. May 22, 1956. Jean Louis Ferrier married 2d Joanne Barber Sept. 20, 1958. No children of this marriage.

(11) Harvey Doyle Ferrier, b. Aug. 21, 1929, m. Kathryn Marie Swanson Oct. 2, 1955 and they had two children: 1. Mark W., died at birth; and 2. Margaret Ann Ferrier, b. May 8, 1959.

4. John Bertrum Felten, born Sept. 19, 1893, died Jan. 15, 1960 in Livermore, California. He married Pearl Elizabeth Gawith May 13, 1922; she was born Sept. 23, 1895 and died Nov. 30, 1955. They were the parents of two children: (1) Julia Pearl (Judy), lives in Napa, Calif., b. Jan. 18, 1923, m. Ray Proteau Aug. 10, 1941 and they have four children: 1. Eric Raymond, b. Feb. 1, 1948; 2. Penny Lo-Rayne, b. July 16, 1949; 3. John Randall, b. March 6, 1951; and 4. Mark Cornell Proteau, b. Nov. 6, 1952; and (2) Lloyd Bertrum Felten, b. May 24, 1924, lives in Dobbins, Calif., m. Mamie \_\_\_\_\_. No children.
5. Kathryn Felten, b. Sept. 20, 1895, d. in Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 1, 1928.
6. Leona Clara Felten, lives in Bonham, Texas, b. Feb. 11, 1898, m. Paul Cook April 18, 1923 and they are the parents of two children: (1) Paul Jr., b. Jan. 28, 1924, m. Amye Lou Beard Sept. 21, 1946 and they have four children: 1. Amye Larue, b. Dec. 27, 1949, 2. Paula Ann, b. Dec. 7, 1952, 3. Mark Andrew, b. Oct. 3, 1956, and 4. Cynthia Kay Cook, b. Feb. 11, 1958; and (2) Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Cook, b. Sept. 18, 1925.
7. Elizabeth Ann (Beth) Felten, lives in Wichita, Kansas, was born Feb. 25, 1900 and married Norton Elmer Weburg Oct. 15, 1919 in Monroe, La. He was born in Salina, Kansas Dec. 2, 1895 and died Dec. 31, 1957. They were the parents of three daughters:
  - (1) Marjorie Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1920, lives in Wichita, Kansas, m. Emery Dean Dahl of Denmark, Kansas April 3, 1950 and they have six children: 1. Dean Norval, b. Nov. 21, 1951; 2. Mardeen Elizabeth, b. Nov. 1, 1952; 3. Kathleen Leslie, b. March 21, 1955; 4. Patricia Marie, b. March 3, 1956; 5. Michael Emery, b. Feb. 16, 1957; and 6. Marjorie Ellen Dahl, b. Oct. 25, 1958.
  - (2) Leola Maxine, b. July 27, 1922, is an x-ray and laboratory technician in Salina, Kansas.
  - (3) Nathalie Anne, lives in Chicago, Ill., was born Oct. 8, 1933, m. Harold George O'Neill of Barnard, Kansas Sept. 19, 1959.
8. Bernard Felten, b. July 14, 1902, died May, 1904.
9. Josephine Felten, lives in Novato, Calif., b. March 21, 1906, m. Ernest O'Kelley and they had one son: (1) Stanley Ernest O'Kelley. Josephine Felten married 2nd Edgar Steele. No children of this marriage.



## RECORD OF MARGARET FELTEN AND JACOB DIEL

(8) *Margaret Anna Felten*, the fifth daughter and eighth child of Bertram Josef and Margaret Hamacher Felten, was born near Pilot Grove, Mo. March 2, 1862 and died in Paris, Ill. Jan. 21, 1917. She was married on June 19, 1888 to Jacob Diel and the first years of their married life were spent in Pilot Grove, Mo. In October, 1904, they moved to Paris, Ill., where they spent the rest of their lives. Jacob Diel was born March 11, 1853 and died Oct. 28, 1923. They were the parents of five children:

1. Mary Henrietta, lives in Washington, D. C., b. July 17, 1889.
2. Lavina Josephine, lives in Washington, D. C., b. Aug. 28, 1891.
3. Margaret Aloysia, b. July 1, 1893, d. Oct. 14, 1944.
4. Alphonsus Leo, b. May 13, 1896, d. July 18, 1959 in Paris, Ill., m. Myrtle Nichols May 13, 1920. No issue.
5. James Bertram Diel, died at birth Sept. 10, 1901.

## THE BERNARD JOSEPH FELTEN FAMILY

(9) *Bernard Joseph Felten*, the ninth child and youngest son of Bertram Joseph and Margaret Hamacher Felten, was born Nov. 17, 1863 and died in Pilot Grove, Mo. Oct. 31, 1942. He was married on Nov. 15, 1892 to Helen Sophia Neckerman, who was born Jan. 26, 1872 and died Feb. 17, 1922. Issue, nine children:

1. Bertram Andrew Felten, lives near Pilot Grove, Mo., b. Dec. 17, 1893, m. Florence Mary Kraus Feb. 19, 1919 and they are the parents of three sons:

(1) Charles Bernard, b. July 19, 1920, m. Georgia Widel Jan. 18, 1944 and they have three children: 1. Danny Ray, b. Sept. 12, 1946; 2. David Lee, b. Dec. 27, 1948; and 3. Darlene Marie Felten, b. March 29, 1953.

(2) Clemus Victor (twin), b. Jan. 29, 1923, m. Irene Gerke Feb. 22, 1949 and they are the parents of four children: 1. Earl Bertram, b. Nov. 28, 1950; 2. and 3. Doris Marie and Dorothy Mae, twins, b. Feb. 20, 1952; and 4. Ronald Joseph Felten, b. Aug. 21, 1958.

(3) Cletus Daniel (twin), b. Jan. 29, 1923, m. Gertrude Lammers Feb. 9, 1948, and they have three children: 1. Marjorie Ann, b. Jan. 21, 1950; 2. Robert Eugene, b. Oct. 11, 1951; and 3. Joyce Marie Felten, b. Nov. 29, 1955.

2. Aloysius Andrew Felten, lives near Pilot Grove, Mo., b. Jan 22, 1896, m. Mary Serina Larm April 26, 1922. Issue, four children:

(1) Ralph Bernard, b. Oct. 29, 1923, m. Mary Isabella Lammers April 18, 1949 and they have two children: 1. Donald Wayne, b. Sept. 18, 1952; and 2. Elaine Marie Felten, b. Oct. 7, 1957.

(2) Earlene Edith, b. June 8, 1927, m. Earl McKinzie Jan. 26, 1948, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Marilyn Marie, b. Nov. 23, 1949; and 2. James Earl McKinzie, b. April 22, 1952.

(3) Eulalia Ellen, b. Aug. 26, 1931, m. Leonard McKinzie Oct. 24, 1953 and they have two children: 1. Mark Wayne, b. May 22, 1956; and 2. Linda Ellen McKinzie, b. Oct. 11, 1958.



- (4) Patricia Marie, b. Feb. 21, 1936, m. Kenneth Lammers Nov. 16, 1957 and they had one daughter: 1. Deborah Lynn Lammers, b. Sept. 13, 1958, d. Sept. 17, 1958.
3. Martha Theresa Felten, lives in Marshall, Mo., b. June 27, 1898, m. Urban Joseph Martin Jan. 17, 1917. Issue, nine children:
- (1) Helen Marie, b. May 24, 1918, m. Sylvester John Widel Aug. 28, 1944 and they have two children: 1. John Lawrence, b. May 19, 1945; and 2. Janet Marie Widel, b. Feb. 15, 1950.
- (2) Bernard Joseph, b. March 12, 1920, m. Rita Veronica Kempf April 22, 1946, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Bernard Joseph, Jr., b. Dec. 17, 1947; 2. Kathryn Louise, b. May 14, 1951; and 3. Marilyn Rita Martin, b. May 8, 1956.
- (3) Norbert Bertram, b. Sept. 18, 1921, m. Carolyn Mary Paxton June 10, 1950 and they have five children: 1. Timothy Eugene, b. Sept. 27, 1951; 2. Linda Joan, b. Aug. 6, 1953; 3. Nancy Carol, b. Feb. 14, 1955; 4. Patrick William, b. Sept. 16, 1957; and 5. Mary Elizabeth Martin, b. Feb. 21, 1959.
- (4) Dorothy Elizabeth, b. April 12, 1923, m. Walter W. Pollard Sept. 5, 1942 and they have one son: 1. Walter Joseph Pollard, b. Sept. 17, 1943.
- (5) Mildred Louise, b. April 19, 1927, m. Jerome Edward Kempf April 16, 1947, and they have four children: 1. Jerome Lloyd, b. March 15, 1948; 2. Pamela Kathleen, b. June 15, 1950; 3. Daniel Henry, b. Feb. 13, 1955; and 4. Gregory Joseph Kempf, b. Dec. 20, 1956.
- (6) Urban John, b. June 21, 1928, m. Loretta E. Starks Jan. 10, 1949 and they are the parents of six children: 1. James Norbert, b. Jan. 30, 1950; 2. Robert Eugene, b. Sept. 8, 1952; 3. John Joseph, b. May 15, 1954; 4. Thomas Allen, b. August 1, 1955; 5. David Edward, b. Dec. 23, 1956; and 6. William Frederick Martin, b. July 9, 1959.
- (7) Eugene Robert, b. Oct. 31, 1930, d. Nov. 3, 1930.
- (8) Theresa Frances, b. Feb. 29, 1932, m. William Anthony Lang Dec. 27, 1950 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Anthony William, b. Dec. 23, 1951; 2. Marvin Wayne, b. Jan. 31, 1953; 3. Sandra Joan, b. Aug. 27, 1954; 4. Patricia Marie, b. Dec. 8, 1955; 5. Christine Theresa, b. Oct. 15, 1957; and 6. Denise Margaret Lang, b. Sept. 26, 1959.
- (9) Margaret Joan Martin, b. Sept. 21, 1935, entered the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Omaha, Nebr. Sept. 8, 1954 and is now Sister Mary Mercene, R.S.M.
4. Frances Kathryn Felten, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. Feb. 15, 1900, m. Daniel Kraus Feb. 15, 1922. He was born Aug. 12, 1894 and died Dec. 5, 1936. They were the parents of six children:
- (1) Delphinus Joseph, b. Nov. 30, 1922, m. Thelma Lammers June 12, 1950 and they have three children: 1. Rose Marie, b. Aug. 29, 1951; 2. Eugene Francis, b. Nov. 4, 1953; and 3. Elaine Therese Kraus, b. July 13, 1955.
- (2) Etheldreda Florence, b. Oct. 4, 1925, m. Amandus Schoen



Feb. 11, 1947 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Daniel Ray, b. Feb. 19, 1948; 2. Robert Leo, b. Aug. 6, 1949; 3. Linus Delphinus, b. July 10, 1950; 4. LaVern George, b. June 5, 1953; 5. Carol Jane, b. June 23, 1954; and 6. Jeanette Kay Schoen, b. July 15, 1958.

(3) Elizabeth Matilda, b. June 27, 1927, m. James W. Norman and they have three children: 1. James William, b. July 22, 1948; 2. Denise, b. Sept. 25, 1951; and 3. Kim Ann Norman, b. July 28, 1956.

(4) Harold Aloysius, b. Aug. 30, 1930, m. JoAnn Schuster Feb. 3, 1951, and they have three children: 1. Michael Patrick, b. Jan. 1, 1952; 2. Steven Allen, b. June 2, 1953; and 3. Joyce Kathleen Kraus, b. Sept. 7, 1954.

(5) Leo Anthony, b. June 24, 1933.

(6) Rita Marie, b. March 15, 1936, m. Thomas Stone Dec. 22, 1955 and they have two daughters: 1. Debra Joan, b. Nov. 9, 1956; and 2. Pamela Marie Stone, b. Feb. 22, 1958.

5. Anthony Michael Felten, b. Oct. 26, 1902, m. Regina Theresa (Jennie) Knedgen Feb. 23, 1927, and they live in LaMonte, Mo. Issue, four children:

(1) Lyle Leo, b. Jan. 26, 1928, m. Patricia Jean Gramlich Oct. 14, 1950 and they are the parents of four children: 1. Deborah Dianne, b. Dec. 17, 1953; 2. Cynthia Susan, b. Feb. 10, 1955; 3. Alan Ray, b. Oct. 24, 1956; and 4. Kent David Felten, b. March 22, 1958.

(2) Geraldine Sophia, b. June 6, 1930, m. Edward Victor Klenklen Dec. 27, 1949, and they have two children: 1. Donald Gene, b. July 1, 1951; and 2. Linda Susan Klenklen, b. June 5, 1955.

(3) Floyd Herbert, b. Oct. 1, 1934, m. Ruth Jean Mayes Dec. 31, 1955 and they have two daughters: 1. Sherri Lynn, b. March 13, 1957; and 2. Judith Elaine Felten, b. Aug. 7, 1958.

(4) Bette Joann, b. May 24, 1939, m. Edward Clinton Wise April 4, 1959.

6. Ida Felten, lives in Sedalia, Mo., b. Sept. 4, 1906, m. James Louis Fariss Jr. Jan. 24, 1944 and they have two children: (1) James Louis III, b. Aug. 31, 1945; and (2) Patricia Sophia Fariss, b. Oct. 22, 1946.

7. Mary Felten, b. Oct. 9, 1908, lives in Pilot Grove, Mo., m. Roy William Lammers Jan. 21, 1930 and they are the parents of four children: (1) Roy William Jr., m. Mildred Schuster Oct. 24, 1959; (2) John Earl; (3) Glen Raymond; and (4) Lucille Marie Lammers.

8. Josephine Felten, lives in Pilot Grove, Mo. b. April 23, 1914, m. Otto Stoecklein Jr. and they are the parents of three children: (1) Robert, m. Doris Imhoff Nov. 13, 1954 and they had two children: 1. Michael, died at birth, March 27, 1956, and 2. Robert Leo Stoecklein; (2) Mamie, m. Henry Niederhelm Nov. 30, 1957; and (3) Kenneth, m. Leonora Schlotzhauer April 3, 1958 and they have one son: 1. Kenneth David Stoecklein.

9. William Joseph Felten, b. July 26, 1918, d. Aug. 25, 1918.



## RECORD OF MARY FELTEN AND JOSEPH V. DIEL

(10) *Mary Felten*, the tenth and youngest child of Bertram Josef and Margaret Hamacher Felten, was born June 25, 1867 and died in Pilot Grove, Mo., March 15, 1952. She was the last surviving member of the second generation of Feltens in America, and with her passing, we are sure, volumes of lore were lost to succeeding generations. She was married on May 3, 1887 to Joseph Valentine Diel (b. Sept. 9, 1859, d. Nov. 18, 1928).

Joseph Valentine and Mary Felten Diel were the parents of nine children:

1. Martha, b. Feb. 2, 1888, d. July 21, 1890.
2. Frances, b. Feb. 6, 1890, d. July 2, 1890.
3. Gertrude, b. April 27, 1891, m. Albert Straub April 6, 1910. They were the parents of six children: (1) Joseph William, m. Jurine Hopkins Aug. 21, 1934 and they have three sons: 1. Joseph Edward, 2. Albert Matthew, and 3. Richard Wayne Straub; (2) Elaine (Aline) Rose, m. Herbert Martin Dec. 1, 1933 and they have one daughter: 1. Constance Elaine, m. Rodney Grouns Oct. 21, 1955 and they are the parents of two children: (a) Rodney Martin, and (b) Diane Lynn Grouns; (3) Mary Kathryn, m. Wilbert Anthony Kempf April 3, 1934 and they have four children: 1. Gordon Leo, 2. Charles Martin, 3. Kathryn Jayne, m. Charles Wessing Oct. 17, 1959, and 4. Ruth Evelyn Kempf; (4) Lorene, m. Marion Francis (Tim) Hamilton Sept. 12, 1936 and they have three children: 1. Margaret Josephine (Peggy Jo), m. Robert Richard Coble Jan. 21, 1956 and they have one son: (a) Robert Coble Jr., 2. Marian Lorene, and 3. David Clark Hamilton; (5) Irene, m. Herschel Lawrence Ross Jr. Jan. 28, 1937 and they have three sons: 1. Lawrence Dean, 2. James Ronald, and 3. Mark Alan Ross; and (6) Christopher Francis, m. Dorothy Burks Nov. 24, 1945 and they have one son: 1. Michael Wayne Straub.

Albert Straub died Sept. 17, 1924 and Gertrude Diel (Straub) married 2nd Hurt Reynolds and they had one daughter who, for purposes of genealogical order, shall be listed as: (7) Winifred, m. Francis P. Zeller May 23, 1949 and they have five children: 1. Michael Francis, 2. Patrick William, 3. Lyndia Joyce, 4. Susan Ann, and 5. Evelyn Lea Zeller.

4. Francis Joseph Diel, born Sept. 29, 1893, died Oct. 30, 1958, married Myrtle Josephine Quarles and they had six children:

(1) Violet Josephine, lives in La Puente, Calif., was born Dec. 11, 1918, married Charles Andrew Willweber Jr. Sept. 23, 1936 and they are the parents of two children: 1. Adrianne, b. Jan. 8, 1938, m. Raymond Peter Etchebarren Oct. 27, 1956 and they have two children: (a) Raymond Peter Etchebarren Jr., born Nov. 17, 1957, and (b) Shelly Jo Etchebarren, b. March 23, 1959; and 2. Charles Andrew Willweber III, b. Dec. 17, 1941.

(2) Frankie Richard, b. March 5, 1922, lives in Lakewood, Calif., m. Mary Ann During Nov. 7, 1948 and they are the parents of



four sons: 1. Larry Frank, b. June 30, 1949; 2. Gary Richard, b. July 25, 1950; 3. Michael Floyd, b. Sept. 7, 1951; and 4. Danny Joe Diel, b. Sept. 2, 1953.

(3) Lawrence M. (Larry), lives in Buckeye, Ariz., b. Aug. 8, 1924, was adopted by John N. Davis of Winslow, Ariz., and goes by the name of Lawrence M. Davis. He married Maxine Goodman June 17, 1953 and they have one daughter: 1. Kerry Glyn Davis, b. Oct. 17, 1956.

(4) Floyd William, lives in Carlsbad, N. Mex., married Beulah Inez Wright April 7, 1947 and they have one daughter: 1. Terry Marlene Diel, b. April 27, 1950.

(5) Florence Leith, lives in Brawley, Calif., was born Dec. 14, 1928, m. Richard Johnson Muse Oct. 18, 1945 and they are the parents of three sons: 1. Richard Floyd, b. May 19, 1947; 2. Johnny Virgil, b. April 25, 1951; and 3. Billy Ray, b. Oct. 15, 1952.

(6) Betty Jo, lives in Bellflower, Calif., b. Sept. 21, 1932, m. Charles W. Shackelford March 3, 1955 and they have three children: 1. Janis Vivian, b. July 27, 1956; 2. Kathy Jean, b. Jan. 14, 1958; and 3. Charles Marion Shackelford, b. April 1, 1959.

5. Raymond F., b. Jan. 3, 1896, d. Jan. 31, 1951.

6. Joseph, b. Jan. 24, 1899, d. Jan. 24, 1899.

7. Augusta, b. April 8, 1900, m. John Joseph Muessig Oct. 7, 1920 and they are the parents of five children: (1) John Joseph Jr. m. Rita Kallmeyer Sept. 6, 1947 and they are the parents of eleven children: 1. Lawrence Eugene, 2. Daniel Lord, 3. Kenneth Alan, 4. Carolyn Sue, 5. Mark Wayne, 6. Janice Marie, 7. Matthew, 8. Gerard Joseph, 9. Mary Anita, 10. Curtis Jerome, and 11. Dennis Raymond Muessig; (2) Alice Marie, m. Wilbert Eugene Flanigan Aug. 19, 1950 and they have six children: 1. Patrice Marie, 2. John Michael, 3. Timothy James, 4. Anna Maureen, 5. Gregory William, and 6. Janet Teresa Flanigan; (3) Maurice B.; (4) Lealla Ann, m. Wayne Franklin Hull Nov. 22, 1952; and (5) Thomas Francis Muessig.

8. Bernard Richard Diel, b. Sept. 3, 1903, m. Evelyn Pludery Nov., 1930 and they had two children: (1) Carla, m. Philip Boynton and they have one son: 1. Stephen Boynton; and (2) Jerome Diel, m. Carol Seifert, and they have one daughter: 1. Deborah Diel. Evelyn Pludery Diel died Nov., 1949 and Bernard Richard Diel married 2nd Ethel Davis July 14, 1951. No children of this marriage.

9. Florence Helen Diel, b. Oct. 18, 1906, m. Amon Leo Hancock June 21, 1928. They were the parents of four children: (1) Mary Normalee, b. July 16, 1929, d. Jan. 14, 1956, m. Donald A. Tipps Dec. 20, 1947 and they had two children: 1. Roger Alan, and 2. Daryl Lynn Tipps; (2) Alan Raymond, m. Kathryne Hegmann July 30, 1953 and they have two children: 1. Scott Alan, and 2. Jill Hancock; (3) Phyllis Ann, m. John N. McQueen Aug. 2, 1952 and they have two children: 1. Cindy Sue, and 2. Chrisan Elizabeth McQueen; and (4) Stephen Charles Hancock.

## Maria Agnes Felten

(1823-1897)

Maria Agnes Felten, the second daughter and third child of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, was born in Klein-Vernich, Germany and baptized in the Catholic Church in Gross-Vernich, twin city of Klein-Vernich. Rev. Heinrich Siepen, pastor of the Church in Gross-Vernich sent her birth date as March 6, 1823 but all the family records show her birth date as March 4, 1823. It is possible that March 6 was the date of her Baptism and was mistakenly listed in the church registers as the date of her birth.

Maria Agnes Felten was married to Bertram Esser in Germany. All that is known of the family of Bertram Esser is the following birth record received also from Rev. Heinrich Siepen of Gross-Vernich: "Bertram Esser was born and baptized on the 19. December 1812. He was the seventh child of Thomas Esser and Anna Maria Arleff out of Gross-Vernich." In the year 1848 Bertram and Agnes Felten Esser came to the United States and settled in Cooper County, Missouri, four miles west of Boonville, residing there for about four years. In 1853 they purchased a homestead two miles northwest of Pilot Grove, Missouri where they both lived until their death. Bertram Esser died Jan. 18, 1879 and Agnes Felten Esser died Feb. 25, 1897. Both are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Clear Creek, near Pilot Grove, Missouri.

The children of Bertram and Agnes Felten Esser were:

1. Louise (Elizabeth), b. Nov. 25, 1843, d. Nov. 10, 1934, married 1st Daniel Martin, 2nd John Weis.
2. Joseph Herman, b. Jan. 17, 1849, d. July 30, 1939, married 1st Anna Schuster, 2nd Margaret Lang.
3. Lorenz, b. Aug. 20, 1850, d. May 19, 1925, married 1st Margaret (Rachel) Martin, 2nd Mary Hoffmeister.
4. Anna Maria, b. Sept. 12, 1852, d. March 4, 1928, married Anthony Brueck.
5. Anna Margaret, b. Jan. 11, 1854, d. July 3, 1893, married Bernard J. Martin.
6. Anna Katherine, b. Jan. 30, 1856, d. Aug. 5, 1921, married Michael Dumolt.
7. Bertram, twin of Anna Katherine, b. Jan. 30, 1856, d. March 25, 1860.
8. Hubert, b. June 26, 1857, d. April, 1860.
9. Magdalena, b. Jan. 25, 1859, d. Jan. 12, 1944, m. Everett Hilden.
10. John Bernard, b. Jan. 25, 1861, d. June 23, 1931, m. Anna Mary Widel.
11. Christina, b. March 27, 1862, died in infancy.

The individual records of the children of Bertram and Maria Agnes Felten Esser, except those who died in childhood, follow below.



## RECORD OF LOUISE (ELIZABETH) ESSER AND DANIEL MARTIN

(1) *Louise (Elizabeth) Esser* was born in Prussia near Cologne Nov. 25, 1843, and died in Pilot Grove, Mo. Nov. 10, 1934. She came with her parents to America in 1848 and married Daniel Martin June 25, 1864. Daniel Martin was born in Ruppertsberg near Neustadt in Rhein Bayern (Bavaria) May 28, 1821, and died near Pilot Grove, Mo. Oct. 5, 1879. He was the son of Bernhard Martin (d. Oct. 10, 1863) and Ursula Schultz Martin (d. April 25, 1854). Both died in Bavaria, near München (Munich). Daniel Martin left Bavaria for America Oct. 12, 1855 and arrived in New Orleans Jan. 20, 1856.

Daniel Martin was a man of impeccable character, kindly, generous, and trustful of others, to the point of detriment to his own welfare. A man of considerable means, he never refused a neighbor or friend in need and guaranteed payment on so many notes of people who defaulted that at the time of his death, he was himself almost penniless. The story is told that on his deathbed he gathered his children around him and admonished them: "Learn to say the word NO—that is what ruined me."

But one object of his generosity still stands as a lasting monument to him, and that is St. Martin's Church, known as Martinsville, located about four miles northeast of Pilot Grove, Mo. for which he donated the land for the first church and cemetery. We have found a clipping which we think was taken from a diocesan paper, but which is not labelled, which we shall reprint because of its interest not only to the Martin family but many in the Martinsville community:

The history of St. Martin's parish, Chouteau Springs, Mo., began when John Martin came to Cooper County in 1860 and settled a half mile west of the present town. Daniel Martin, a brother, moved into the neighborhood shortly afterwards and these two families were the only Catholics in a radius of several miles. They attended services at Boonville and Clear Creek.

In 1870, the number of Catholics at Chouteau Springs had increased to thirteen families, mostly of German origin. They decided to build their own church and Daniel Martin donated the property. A log structure was first erected (18x24 feet).

While it was being built, services were held in the Daniel Martin home once a month for four months, beginning in May of 1870. So when the church was completed, it was named St. Martin, chiefly because the Martins were the first Catholic settlers and also donated the site. Adjoining the church a cemetery was laid out and is still maintained.

The log church became a mission from Boonville. Father Hildner was the first priest to attend it. He continued to come once a month, not always on Sundays. In 1877, St. Martin's was attached as a mission to Clear Creek and a second church on the same property was decided on. It was a frame structure of larger dimensions.

Shortly the people felt the need of a parochial school and the old church was used for the first classes. Laymen taught for about three

months every spring. John Immele was one of the first teachers. When the Kansas City diocese was established, Bishop Hogan obtained Benedictine Fathers from Conception Abbey to take charge of Clear Creek and Chouteau Springs. No rectory was ever built there.

A third church at a more convenient site was begun in 1908. The present rectory near the new church was constructed mainly of material taken from the second church. Father Pius Conrad, O.S.B. was rector when the last church was built.

(NOTE—For the record of the Martin family, although this does not pertain to the Felten line, Daniel Martin was married first to Regina Fischer (April 16, 1853) in Bavaria and they were the parents of four children: 1. Magdalena, b. Aug. 19, 1854, d. Oct. 13, 1854 in Unterhaching near München (Munich), Bavaria; 2. George Adam, b. Feb. 2, 1856, d. Sept. 24, 1944, m. Josephine Wilhelmina Smith; 3. Margaret [Rachel], b. Dec. 8, 1858, d. May 31, 1915, m. Lorenz Esser, see record below; and 4. Mary, b. Dec. 31, 1861, d. July 12, 1942, m. Louis Meyer. Regina Fischer Martin died May 30, 1863).

Daniel Martin married 2nd Louise (Elizabeth) Esser and they were the parents of nine children:

1. John D. Martin, b. March 2, 1865, d. in Kansas City, Mo. Aug. 2, 1910. He married Hattie Elizabeth Graves (b. Dec. 20, 1871, d. Dec. 10, 1948), and they were the parents of one son: (1) Rollen Robert Martin, lives in Fort Pierce, Fla., b. May 30, 1893, m. Josephine Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Aug. 9, 1926 and they have one daughter: 1. Anita Mae Martin, b. April 29, 1930, m. Bennett Watterson LaPrade Aug. 21, 1953, and they are the parents of two children: (a) Candis Anita, b. Jan. 25, 1956, and (b) Bennett Watterson LaPrade Jr., b. Oct. 25, 1957.
2. Agnes Martin, b. Sept. 26, 1866, d. March 7, 1870. She was the first person buried in St. Martin's Cemetery, known as Martinsville, located about four miles northeast of Pilot Grove, Mo. The land for the first church and cemetery had been donated by her father, Daniel Martin.
3. Bertram Martin, b. April 12, 1868, d. in Merriam, Kansas Sept. 17, 1952. He married Mary Anastasia (Mamie) McMahon March 2, 1897 and they were the parents of six children:

(1) Ralph Daniel, lives in Overland Park, Kans., b. Jan. 9, 1899, m. Aline Freeman June 24, 1925 and they had three children: 1. Nondus Elizabeth, b. Oct. 7, 1928, d. Feb. 10, 1930; 2. Donna Louise, b. Dec. 1, 1934, m. Kenneth William Gentry Dec. 31, 1953 and they have two children: (a) Nondus Elizabeth, b. Dec. 10, 1954, and (b) Timothy Gordon Gentry, b. Sept. 15, 1957; and 3. James Gordon Martin, b. July 4, 1939.

(2) Margaret Berniece, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Nov. 21, 1902, m. William John Kelly Oct. 19, 1927 and they have five children: 1. Jerrold Martin, b. Oct. 7, 1928, m. Mary Lou Hillen Feb. 8, 1958; 2. William John, Jr., b. July 21, 1930, m. Dorothy Dean



Exler Jan. 16, 1954 and they have three children: (a) Michael Allen, b. Sept. 27, 1954, (b) Timothy Matthew, b. Sept. 21, 1955, and (c) Thomas Patrick Kelly, b. Sept. 6, 1956; 3. Cecelia Ann, b. Nov. 2, 1935, m. William Michael Elliott June 29, 1957; 4. Joseph Bertram, b. Jan. 9, 1941; and 5. Mary Ellen Kelly, b. Jan. 8, 1943.

(3) Walter Bertram, lives in Shawnee, Kans., b. Jan. 31, 1907, m. Claris Melanie Griggs Oct. 21, 1930 and they have two children: 1. Bertram Everett, b. Feb. 27, 1932, m. Wanda Ruth Goleher May 4, 1953, and they have one daughter: (a) Mala Diane Martin, b. Feb. 4, 1957; and 2. Melanie Kathlynnne Martin, b. Jan. 13, 1940, m. Lyman Eugene Ashwill June 14, 1958 and they have one son: (a) Mark Lyman Ashwill, b. April 26, 1959.

(4) Leonard Charles, lives in Merriam, Kans., b. Nov. 18, 1910, m. Loretto Marie McMurray Jan. 29, 1930, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Francis Joseph, b. Nov. 8, 1930, m. Mary Lou Morovac Jan. 30, 1954, and they have three children: (a) Steven Matthew, b. Jan. 16, 1956, (b) Loretto Ann, b. Nov. 14, 1957, and (c) Cecilia Elizabeth Martin, b. Dec. 12, 1958; 2. Teresa Ann, b. July 16, 1932, m. Joseph Maurice Butts Aug. 7, 1954, and they have three children: (a) Joseph Martin, b. May 7, 1956, (b) Jerry Leonard, b. Nov. 18, 1958, and (c) William Maurice Butts, b. Feb. 17, 1960; and 3. Donald Vincent Martin, b. Jan. 1, 1934.

(5) Anastasia Rose, lives in Monroe, Wash., b. Jan. 12, 1913, m. Delaine Richard Johnson Oct. 5, 1935, and they were the parents of five children: 1. Mary, died at birth Aug. 1, 1936; 2. Richard Martin, b. March 3, 1939; 3. Dennis Russell, b. July 1, 1940; 4. Stephen Carrol, b. Feb. 20, 1942; and 5. Susan Mary Johnson, b. Feb. 25, 1944.

(6) Helen Frances Martin, b. Jan. 10, 1915, d. Jan. 20, 1915.

4. Leonard George Martin, b. Nov. 17, 1869, d. in Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 19, 1941. He married Margaret Mary Weis Dec. 28, 1904 and they were the parents of two sons: (1) Daniel J., lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Dec. 23, 1905, m. Bernadine Zorn Nov. 11, 1932 and they have two children: 1. David Daniel, b. Aug. 26, 1935, m. Sharon Elizabeth Forrette Nov. 21, 1959, and 2. Janet Ann Martin, b. March 14, 1937; and 2. George LeRoy Martin, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Feb. 9, 1912, m. Dorothy Elizabeth Crutcher Sept. 28, 1939, and they have two children: 1. Daniel Robert, b. July 20, 1940, and 2. Roberta Jeanne Martin, b. March 6, 1945.
5. Joseph Herman Martin, b. Dec. 16, 1871, d. Jan. 20, 1939 in Kansas City, Mo. He married Nora May Acord Johnson April 25, 1909 and they were the parents of one daughter: (1) Elnora, lives in San Antonio, Texas, b. Nov. 2, 1911, m. Raphael Mack Miller. No issue.
6. Anna Catherine Martin, b. Nov. 9, 1873, d. Feb. 23, 1960, m. John Baptist Immele Sept. 6, 1898. See below for record.
7. Bernard Jacob Martin, b. Sept. 15, 1875, d. Dec. 24, 1934 in Paola,

Kans. He was married April 26, 1899 to Margaret Agnes McGrath and they were the parents of five children:

(1) Ferdinand Bernard (Jack) Martin, lives in El Cajon, Calif., b. March 12, 1900, m. Laura Dausch Dec. 1918 and they were the parents of two sons: 1. Joseph E., b. Sept. 10, 1919, d. July 17, 1957, m. Jean Patton Sept. 3, 1943 and they had four children: (a) Julianna, b. June 1, 1944, (b) Joseph Jr., b. Aug. 28, 1946, (c) Jeffery, b. Sept. 2, 1953, and (d) James Martin, b. Feb. 5, 1955; and 2. Robert Martin, b. 1921, d. July 17, 1957. We have no further record on Robert Martin, but he was married and had four children. Both Joseph E. and Robert Martin lost their lives by drowning in Lake Tahoe, Calif. July 17, 1957.

Ferdinand Bernard Martin married 2nd April 2, 1927 Doris Heald and they are the parents of three children. So that all the children of Ferdinand Bernard Martin shall be in genealogical sequence, these children will be numbered 3 to 5. The three children are: 3. Doris June, b. April 2, 1928, m. William Jensen July 11, 1948 and they have three children: (a) Catherine Louise, b. June 14, 1949, (b) Stephen William, b. Sept. 1, 1950, and (c) Martin Bernard Jensen, b. Aug. 21, 1951; 4. Alice Mae, b. March 16, 1929, m. Richard P. Stark May 22, 1954 and they have two children: (a) Linda, b. May 17, 1956, and (b) Bruce Stark, b. Oct. 14, 1958; and 5. Bernard Jack Martin, b. March 1, 1933, m. Lynn Williams Aug. 18, 1957 and they have one son: (a) Jeffrey Kendall Martin, b. Aug. 17, 1959.

(2) Kenneth Matthew Martin, lives in Brighton, Colorado, b. March 26, 1904, m. Louise Haughey and they had one daughter: 1. Margaret Louise, m. James Harvey, and they have one daughter: (a) Kathleen Marie Harvey. Kenneth Martin married 2nd Vivian \_\_\_\_\_ and they had one son: 2. Gary Martin. Kenneth Martin married 3d June Kraninger Aug. 23, 1947. No children of this marriage.

(3) Edward Daniel Martin, lives in Ouray, Colorado, b. April 13, 1908, m. Ella Maxine Varnes Oct. 2, 1932, and they have three children: 1. Martha Agnes, b. March 14, 1945; 2. David Edward, b. March 10, 1950, and 3. Mark Daniel Martin, b. Nov. 7, 1951.

(4) Bernard John Martin, lives in Bloomfield, Mo., b. Oct. 14, 1911, m. Bernice Sebastian May 28, 1934, no children.

(5) Ellen Elizabeth Martin, lives in Tucson, Ariz., b. Feb. 2, 1916, m. Hector Cantu and they had one daughter: 1. Maria Margaretta Cantu, b. May 25, 1950.

8. Barbara Elizabeth Martin, b. Sept. 18, 1877, d. July 2, 1957 in Kansas City, Mo. She married William Edward Brisbois Jan. 5, 1897 and they were the parents of six children: (1) Harriette Isabel (Hattie) b. Jan. 15, 1898, d. June 10, 1940 in Kansas City, Mo., m. Douglas R. Carroll in 1924, no children; (2) Aubrey Francis (Jack), b. June 12, 1899, m. Pearl Davis in May, 1928, no children. She died April 13, 1959, he married Jeane Judy and they live in Kansas City, Mo.; (3) Bertram, lives in Lawton, Okla., b. Sept. 15, 1900,



single; (4) William Edward, lives in Albuquerque, N. Mex., b. Nov. 27, 1902, m. Dorothy Teska Nov. 27, 1925, no children; (5) Agnes Louise, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. July 8, 1904, m. Byron Cassell Feb. 28, 1923. He died Dec. 29, 1935, no children; and (6) Clifford Martin Brisbois, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Sept. 1, 1908, m. Cleo Corder Aug. 31, 1933, and they have one son: 1. Clifford Martin Brisbois Jr., b. Jan. 6, 1941.

9. Magdalena Isabella Martin, b. May 7, 1879, d. Oct. 31, 1905 in Marshall, Mo.

NOTE: Louise (Elizabeth) Esser married 2nd John Weis of Marshall, Mo. Jan. 2, 1889. No issue of this marriage.

#### RECORD OF ANNA CATHERINE MARTIN AND JOHN B. IMMELE

Anna Catherine Martin (No. 6, above), sixth child and second daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Esser Martin, was born about four miles northeast of Pilot Grove, Mo. on Nov. 9, 1873 and died in Boonville, Mo. Feb. 23, 1960. She is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Pilot Grove, Mo. Her remarkable memory helped piece together many of the records in this booklet and her abiding interest in family was the inspiration that prompted and impelled us in this undertaking.

(*Publisher's Note:* Because of my wife's sense of modesty I am adding a note here about my "second Mother"—Anna Catherine Immele, whose love and lore of genealogy was always an abiding source of wonder and enjoyment to me—and for both of us—a never-failing focal point for entertaining conversation. It is seldom that a son-by-marriage is able to acknowledge the fine spirit in which he was received—and continued to receive—during the twenty years I knew her. No higher compliment could be paid her than her own remark: "I have another son."—Nelson Heath Meriwether.)

Anna Catherine Martin was married Sept. 6, 1898 to John Baptist Immele at St. Peter Church, Marshall, Mo. He was born in Boonville, Mo. July 7, 1866, the son of Louis and Theresé Meisburger Immele, natives of France, and died Sept. 26, 1942 in Pilot Grove, Mo.

[Louis Immele was the son of F. J. Immele Sr. and \_\_\_\_\_ Boshea. Theresé Immele's father was Max Meisburger—we do not know the maiden name of her mother. Louis Immele died Feb. 9, 1881 and Theresé Meisburger Immele died Feb. 15, 1917.

Unlike some of the other families in this treatise, the Immele and Meisburger families were proud of their French ancestry. Theresé Immele's father, Max Meisburger, came to America with his family of eight children from Alsace, France in 1848 and settled in Boonville, Mo. He had served for six years as a soldier in the army of the great Napoleon and was very proud of the medals he had received for bravery. During the progress of the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1873) he kept posted through the French papers which he received and when the Prussian victory was announced he, with clenched fists and tear-dimmed eyes, declared: "If our great Napoleon had





*Lorenz Esser and Margaret (Rachel) Martin on their wedding day Jan. 11, 1876. Lorenz Esser was the son of Bertram and Agnes Felten Esser; Margaret (Rachel) Martin was the daughter of Daniel and Regina Fischer Martin.*





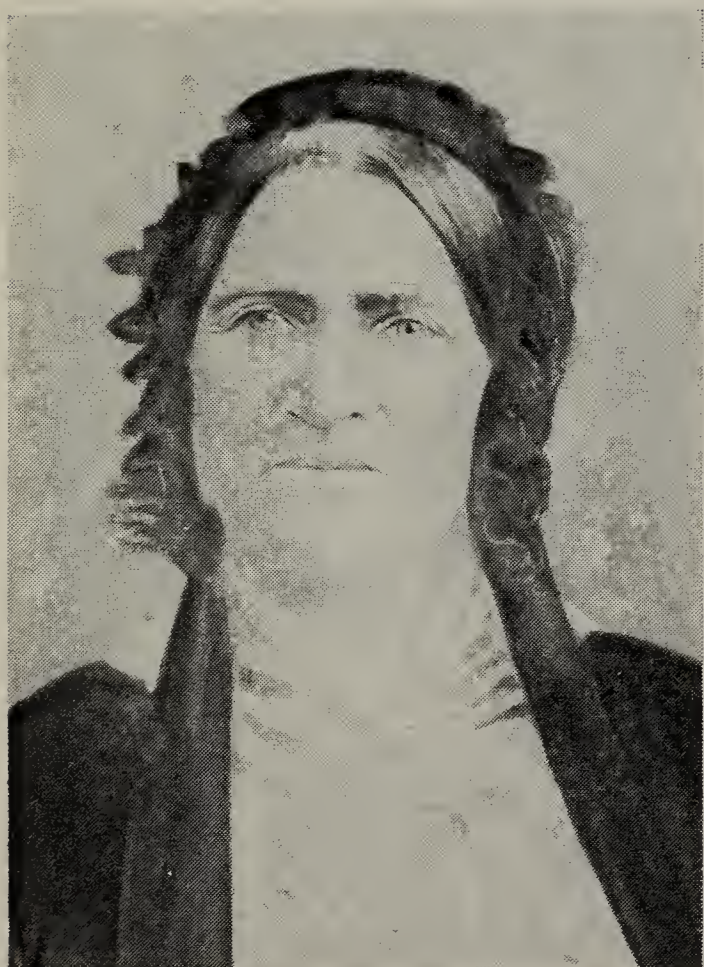
BERTRAM ESSER

*(Son of Thomas Esser and Anna Maria Arleff of Gross-Vernich, Germany. Married Maria Agnes Felten in Germany and came to America in 1848.)*



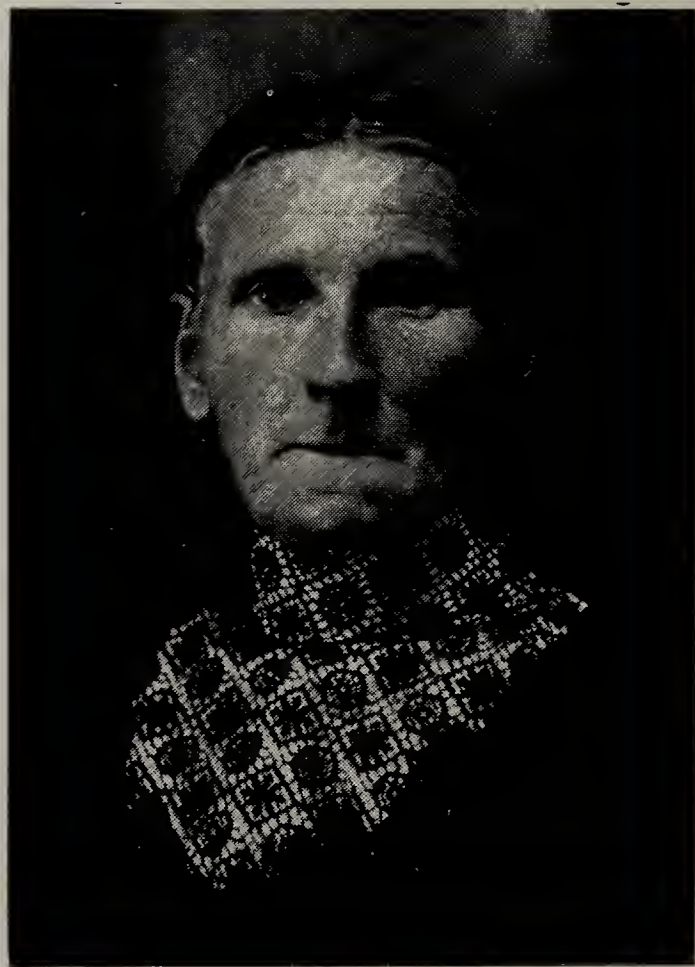
MARIA AGNES FELTEN

*(Wife of Bertram Esser, second daughter and third child of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, born in Klein-Vernich, Germany.)*



MARGARET HAMACHER

*(Wife of Bertram Josef Felten, married in Germany and came to America circa 1851. In her line are the Nold, Schuster, and Diel families.)*



LOUISE (ELIZABETH) ESSER

*(Daughter of Bertram and Agnes Felten Esser, married first Daniel Martin, second John Weis. She was the grandmother of the compiler of this book.)*



lived he and I would never have tolerated the Prussians to lord it over our beloved France.”

F. J. Immele Sr. secured a passport at Havre, France in 1851 to bring his family to America. One son, F. J. Immele Jr., accompanied the parents. The elder son, Louis Immele (my grandfather—A.I.M.), was a cannoneer in the French army in Africa at the time. After six years of service with honors he joined the family in this country (1857) and located at Boonville. In 1856 the junior F. J. Immele married Catherine Meisburger and in 1859 Louis Immele married Catherine's sister, Theresé Meisburger. Mrs. F. J. Immele Sr. was a daughter of Major General Boshea who offered his life in a ten-year service in the French army. As the river boat on which she arrived at Boonville neared the landing amid the Boonville hills she exclaimed: “Oh, where are our beautiful church spires of France?” When she realized there were none, she begged to be permitted to return to France.

It was with this background that my father, John B. Immele, spent his early years in Boonville up to the time that his parents moved to the Martinsville community. There they became close friends of the Daniel Martin family, which culminated in the marriage of John B. Immele and Anna Catherine Martin.]

John B. and Anna Catherine Martin Immele were the parents of ten children:

1. John Martin, b. Nov. 5, 1899, d. March 26, 1921.
2. Raymond Charles, b. Sept. 14, 1901, d. Dec. 27, 1902.
3. Cecilia Margaret, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. Dec. 5, 1903, m. Robert T. Twenter May 10, 1927 and they are the parents of four children: (1) Robert Floyd, b. April 4, 1928; (2) Curtis Joseph, b. July 22, 1931; (3) Clarice Anne, b. Oct. 28, 1937; and (4) John Delano Twenter, b. June 29, 1939.
4. Mary Isabelle, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. Nov. 6, 1905, m. Clem J. Twenter Sept. 17, 1928. (He was born July 29, 1903 and died June 27, 1950.) They were the parents of ten children:
  - (1) Norma Lee, b. July 4, 1929, m. Otto E. White Jr. and they have four children: 1. Mona Kay, b. April 19, 1951; 2. Marsha Ann, b. July 22, 1952; 3. Michele Maria, b. Aug. 7, 1953; and 4. Otto E. White III, b. Feb. 21, 1955.
  - (2) Donald Robert, b. Jan. 31, 1931, d. Dec. 3, 1953.
  - (3) Clem Jr., b. April 9, 1932, m. Doris Lang Sept. 25, 1954, and they have three children: 1. Kevin Clem, b. April 20, 1956; 2. Debra Kay, b. April 10, 1958; and 3. Denise Ann Twenter, b. June 10, 1959.
  - (4) Agnes Theresa, b. Oct. 5, 1933, m. Christopher Fabian Borges Aug. 1, 1957 and they have two children: 1. Donald Joseph, b. May 10, 1958; and 2. Christine Ann Borges, b. Aug. 7, 1959.
  - (5) Ronald Joseph, b. Sept. 29, 1937.
  - (6) Emilie Ann, b. Oct. 1, 1939.
  - (7) John Henry, b. April 24, 1942.



- (8) Martha Ann, b. May 19, 1943.
  - (9) Cornelius Leonard, b. Nov. 15, 1945.
  - (10) Charles Xavier Twenter, b. July 23, 1947.
5. Mary Sophia, lives in Springfield, Ill., b. Nov. 14, 1907, m. Xavier Charles Meyer Sept. 4, 1943 and they have three children: (1) Anna Louise, b. Dec. 2, 1944; (2) Joan Charlotte, b. June 10, 1946; and (3) John Charles Meyer, b. July 22, 1947.
  6. Mary Agnes, lives in Columbia, Mo., b. Oct. 5, 1909, m. Nelson Heath Meriwether Nov. 21, 1940, and they have two children: (1) Annie Laurie, b. Jan. 20, 1942; and (2) Heath J Meriwether, b. Jan. 20, 1944.
  7. Joseph Bertram, b. Sept. 7, 1911, d. Dec. 23, 1913.
  8. Martha Anne, lives in Butte, Mont., b. Nov. 1, 1913, m. William J. Burke Nov. 4, 1939, and they are the parents of twelve children: (1) William Ignatius, b. Aug. 28, 1940; (2) Mary Bernadette, b. Jan. 19, 1942; (3) Patrick, b. Feb. 3, 1943; (4) Catherine Anne, b. July 13, 1944; (5) Marcella Margaret, b. June 5, 1946; (6) Martin James, b. May 9, 1948; (7) Denis Robert, b. April 12, 1950; (8) Maurice Joseph, b. Oct. 20, 1951; (9) Kevin Timothy, b. Sept. 13, 1953; (10) Clarita Marie, b. Oct. 20, 1955; (11) Daniel Damien, b. July 15, 1957; and (12) Maureen Veronica Burke, b. Jan. 22, 1960.
  9. Leonard Bernard, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Oct. 31, 1915, m. Dorothy Mae Newman Oct. 5, 1946 and they are the parents of five sons: (1) John David, b. May 23, 1948; (2) Leonard Bernard Jr. (Lee), b. Feb. 9, 1951; (3) Christopher Bruce (Cris), b. Feb. 28, 1953; (4) Barry Joseph, b. Oct. 31, 1955; and (5) Jay Brian Immele, b. Dec. 26, 1959.
  10. Mary Anastasia Immele, lives in Brunswick, Mo., b. Jan. 19, 1918, m. John Y. Stewart Sept. 25, 1942 and they have five children: (1) Mary Lou, b. Aug. 11, 1946; (2) John Bernard, b. Aug. 15, 1947; (3) Robert Byron, b. Mar. 16, 1950; (4) Barbara Anne, b. Aug. 27, 1951; and (5) Kathleen Marie Stewart, b. Sept. 27, 1957.

#### THE JOSEPH HERMAN ESSER FAMILY

(2) *Joseph Herman Esser*, the eldest son of Bertram and Agnes Felten Esser, was born on Jan. 17, 1849 in Boonville, Mo. and died in Pilot Grove, Mo., July 30, 1939. On Oct. 13, 1874 he was married to Anna Schuster, who was born Oct. 6, 1857 and died Feb. 17, 1895. Of this marriage, nine children were born:

1. Herman William, b. Jan. 6, 1876, d. Aug. 8, 1892.
2. Lawrence Adolph, b. April 6, 1878, d. near Blackwater, Mo. Nov. 18, 1940. He married Novella Caton Jan. 20, 1904 and they were the parents of one daughter: (1) Elma Janette, b. Sept. 7, 1915, m. Cecil Garrison May 14, 1950 and lives in Mackeyville, Pa. They have no children.

3. Elizabeth Irene, b. July 22, 1880, d. March 18, 1952. She married Henry Louis Day Nov. 7, 1905 and they lived in Blackwater, Mo. He was born July 8, 1875 and died April 26, 1943. Issue, seven children: (1) Herman Adam, b. Nov. 16, 1906, d. March 11, 1940; (2) Floyd Lawrence, b. April 9, 1909, m. Grace Naomi O'Bannon July 6, 1948 and they live near Sedalia, Mo. No children; (3) Norwood, lives in Boonville, Mo., was born July 13, 1912; (4) Mary Elinor, lives in Culver City, Calif., m. Alfred May Feb. 20, 1936 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Richard, b. Dec 7, 1937, 2. Norma Jeanne, b. Feb. 2, 1940, m. Garry Brown Jan. 10, 1957 and they have one son: (a) Michael Brown, b. Dec. 4, 1958, 3. Paul Bruce, b. May 25, 1946, 4. Craig Allen, b. Sept. 15, 1948, and 5. Kathy Anne May, b. Oct. 13, 1950; (5) Anne Elizabeth, lives in Los Angeles, Calif., m. Archibald Alexander Marshall June 7, 1937, no children. Archibald Alexander Marshall died Sept. 27, 1953 and Anne Elizabeth Day married 2nd Aaron Chilton Reid June, 1958, no children; (6) Ralph William, lives in Las Cruces, N. Mex., m. Rosemary Eichman July 4, 1940 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Sheryl, 2. Larry, 3. Arch, 4. Warren, and 5. Joel Day; and (7) Doris Jean Day, b. Jan. 21, 1925, lives in Kansas City, Mo., m. Warren Keith Thompson July 5, 1946 and they have four children: 1. Gayle Lenore, b. Aug. 20, 1947; 2. Joyce Elaine, b. May 16, 1950; 3. Keith Allen, b. Nov. 13, 1954; and 4. Carol Frances Thompson, b. March 22, 1959.
4. Frank Jacob, lives in Blackwater, Mo., was born May 18, 1882, m. Rowena Belle Widell Oct. 25, 1922 and they are the parents of two children: (1) Gloria Dean, b. March 15, 1926, m. Ollie Glenwood Shiflett Feb. 11, 1947 and they have two children: 1. Donna Sue, b. Aug. 9, 1948, and 2. Monna Zue Shiflett, b. March 27, 1952; and (2) Franklyn June Esser, b. Oct. 31, 1927, m. Norma Jean Bonen Sept. 1, 1951 and they have three children: 1. Sherry Jean, b. Aug. 5, 1954, 2. Deborah Jo, b. May 21, 1956, and 3. Donald Jay Esser, b. Nov. 19, 1958.
5. John Richard, b. Dec. 5, 1883, d. March 12, 1885.
6. Sophie, b. Feb. 10, 1886, d. Sept. 12, 1886.
7. Anna Elnora, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Dec. 21, 1888, m. Thomas Edward Corless on Sept. 18, 1928 and they have one daughter: (1) Joanne Mary, b. July 3, 1929, m. Forrest Wayne Barnes Nov. 20, 1954.
8. Adam John, b. June 10, 1891, d. in Richmond, Calif. May 3, 1953, m. Theresa Mary (Daisy) Day Feb. 22, 1911 and they were the parents of six children: (1) Harold Joseph, m. Dorothy Olsen Aug. 1948, no children; (2) David Lee, single; (3) Alexander Philip, m. Jeanne Cook Feb. 1948 and they have four children: 1. Carol Lynn (Carolyn), 2. Alexa Jeanne, 3. David Alexander, and 4. Joyce Louise Esser; (4) Alvin Lawrence, m. Edythe Cervenka Dec. 1940 and they were the parents of six children: 1. Cynthia Louise, 2. Lucindia



Denise, twin of Cynthia Louise, d. Oct. 1950, 3. Jody Janette, 4. Wendy Joy, 5. Alvin John (Johnnie), and 6. Shane Patrick Esser; (5) Helen Ann, m. Fred Eugene Williams Dec. 1938 and they have three children: 1. Lawrence Richard, 2. Ronald Lee, and 3. Linda Ann Williams; and (6) John Donald Esser, b. Jan. 15, 1928, d. May 20, 1938.

9. Joseph Barney, lives in Blackwater, Mo., b. Oct. 29, 1893, m. Alpha Maude Cross April 7, 1949, no issue.

Anna Schuster Esser died Feb. 17, 1895 and Joseph Herman Esser married 2nd Margaret Lang June 2, 1896. She was born July 29, 1871 and died Jan. 17, 1949. They were the parents of two children, who, for purposes of genealogical order, will be numbered 10 and 11, so that all the children of Joseph Herman Esser are in sequence, even though having different mothers. The two children:

10. Son (no name) died at birth Aug. 4, 1908.  
11. Martha, b. June 29, 1912, d. in Pilot Grove, Mo. April 21, 1947.

#### RECORD OF THE LORENZ ESSER FAMILY

We are happy to present the Lorenz Esser family. We feel particularly close to this family since Lorenz Esser was not only my mother's uncle but his wife, Margaret (Rachel) Martin Esser, was her half-sister, whom she always affectionately referred to as "Sister Rachel." Their son, Dan Esser, after hearing my mother call his father "Uncle Lorenz" and his mother "Sister Rachel," was thoroughly confused and said he could not figure it any other way than that his mother married her uncle. Actually they were no kin at all since she and my mother had the same father, Daniel Martin, but different mothers and Lorenz Esser was a brother of my mother's mother. (Confusion worse confounded!)

My husband, who is somewhat of an unbeliever, after hearing my mother at every opportunity extol the many fine qualities and virtues of "Sister Rachel," has expressed the conviction that "if there is a Heaven, surely 'Sister Rachel' is there." (A.I.M.) Our sincere thanks again to John L. Esser of Boonville for his selfless efforts in helping to unravel much of the conflicting data in the various records, as well as compiling his own Lorenz Esser line.

(3) *Lorenz Esser* was born near Boonville on Aug. 20, 1850 and died May 19, 1925. He married Margaret (Rachel) Martin Jan. 11, 1876. (She was born Dec. 8, 1858 and died May 31, 1915.) They were the parents of seven children:

1. Daniel Urban, b. Oct. 3, 1876, d. May 19, 1914. He married Blanche Marie Janes June 2, 1903 and they had one son: (1) William Charles Esser, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., single.
2. George Bernard, b. Oct. 12, 1878, married Regina Whitehurse Nov. 6, 1906. They were the parents of eight children: (1) Marguerite



- Marie, m. Russell Talbot Hanna July 12, 1929 and they have six children: 1. George Russell, m. Joan Scott May 19, 1956. They have two children: (a) Stephanie Jo and (b) Deborah Ann Hanna; 2. Regina Ann, m. Francis Joseph Beger Dec. 12, 1952 and they have three children: (a) Linda Marie, (b) Christian Patrick, and (c) Carl Russell Beger; 3. Donald Vincent, 4. Michael Stephen, 5. Judith Marie, and 6. Charles Patrick Hanna; (2) George Bernard m. Mildred V. Owen Dec. 27, 1933. They have two adopted children: 1. George Bernard III, and 2. Helen Marguerite Esser; (3) Gerald Francis, m. Helen Jane Burruss March 29, 1937 and they have one daughter: 1. Dorothy Janice Esser; (4) John Kenneth, m. Bernice A. Chamberlin Oct. 6, 1936. They are the parents of four children: 1. Nancy Katherine, m. James R. Weyland June 20, 1958, 2. Joyce Elaine, 3. Diane Adelle, and 4. Linda Suzanne Esser; (5) Eugene Vincent, m. Elizabeth Schmidt Aug. 8, 1946. Issue four children: 1. Daniel Joseph, 2. Marilyn Jeanne, 3. Rebecca Ann, and 4. Constance Esser; (6) Joseph Glennon, m. Jessie M. Renfrow Nov. 25, 1941. They have two children: 1. Cheryl Ann, and 2. Michael Joseph Esser; (7) Francis Xavier, d. (1922) few hours after birth; (8) Richard Charles, m. Mary Ellen Butcher Sept. 16, 1946. They are the parents of five children: 1. Richard Charles Jr., 2. John Stephen, 3. David Eugene, 4. Ronald Joseph, and 5. George Francis Esser. Regina Whitehurse Esser died July 23, 1958 and George B. Esser lives in Boonville, Mo.
3. Bertram Joseph, b. Dec. 2, 1880, m. Katherine Eva Becker Jan. 8, 1908. Issue, seven children: (1) Virginia Martha, b. Dec. 15, 1908, d. April 17, 1917; (2) Victor Lawrence, m. Eunice Anna Brownfield Dec. 27, 1937 and they are the parents of two children: 1. James David, and 2. Carolyn Kathleen Esser; (3) Vernon Bertram, m. Virginia Archalon Wood Aug. 30, 1945. They have three children: 1. Donald Lee, 2. Lawrence Earl, and 3. Sandra Sue Esser; (4) Marie Pauline, m. Martin Lawrence Weimholt Jan. 18, 1936 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Eva Louise, m. William Joseph Estes Feb. 1, 1958. They have two children: (a) Cynthia Sue, and (b) Lawrence Lee Estes, 2. Constance Mae, 3. Gerald Martin, 4. Dianne Denise, and 5. Gayle Ruth Weimholt; (5) Harold Leonard, m. Mildred Pauline Diel Dec. 27, 1941. Issue, five children: 1. Ronald Eugene, 2. Karen Sue, 3. Barbara Leigh, d. Nov. 1, 1954, 4. Mark Duwayne, and 5. Susan Michele, d. May 6, 1958; (6) Infant son born June 15, 1921, died few hours after birth; (7) Ralph Anthony, m. Mildred Ann Wagner Feb. 15, 1958, and they have one son: 1. Daniel Joseph Esser.
4. Agnes Margaret, b. March 23, 1883. She married Henry M. Aggeler Nov. 27, 1907 and they were the parents of four children: (1) Raymond; (2) Leroy Bertram, m. Virginia Hager June 28, 1944. They have six children: 1. John H., 2. Rose Marie, 3. Michael, 4. Philip, 5. Joseph, and 6. Susan Elizabeth Aggeler; (3) Cecelia Margaret, m.



Lawrence Martin Gerard Aug. 17, 1946. They are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Jo, 2. Dorothy Marie, and 3. Alice Ann Gerard; (4) Emil George, m. Alice Retherford May 18, 1938 and they have two children: 1. Donald Lee, and 2. Theresa Margaret Aggeler.

5. John Lawrence, b. Nov. 12, 1885, married Elizabeth Caroline Fischer Sept. 30, 1920. Issue, five sons: (1) John Lawrence, Jr., b. Aug. 26, 1921, m. Dorothy Katherine Williams Aug. 1, 1944, and they have five children: 1. John Lawrence III, b. May 1, 1945, 2. Douglas James, b. May 31, 1949, 3. Glenn William, b. Feb. 18, 1954, 4. Margaret Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1956, and 5. Patricia Louise Esser, b. Dec. 6, 1958; (2) Harold Joseph, b. Feb. 11, 1923, m. Lorraine Anderson Dec. 26, 1953; (3) Francis Martin, b. March 29, 1925; (4) Robert Gregory b. Nov. 17, 1926, m. Wilma Brusa June 27, 1954, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Kimberly Elizabeth, b. July 16, 1955, 2. Dana Anne, b. June 25, 1956, 3. Lauren Bernadette, b. July 15, 1957, 4. Neil Gregory, b. Aug. 29, 1958, and 5. Martin Brusa Esser, b. Dec. 21, 1959; and (5) Walter William Esser, b. June 16, 1928, m. Virginia Lee Dewey Sept. 4, 1954.
6. Minnie, b. April 10, 1888, d. April 9, 1894.
7. Martha Ida, b. July 29, 1890. She married Walter J. Kraus April 10, 1918. Issue, five children: (1) Julia Margaret, m. Arnold Fischer April 21, 1945. They are the parents of five children: 1. Margaret Ann, 2. Kathy May, 3. Daniel Walter, 4. Keith Edwin, 5. Rebecca Sue Fischer; (2) Imelda, m. Samuel Vienhage Jan. 30, 1954. They have four children: 1. Samuel Alan, 2. Julie Ann, 3. Nancy Marie, and 4. Linda Louise Vienhage; (3) Gertrude, m. Fred Karigan May 18, 1949, and they had seven children: 1. Carol Beth, 2. Martha Ann, 3. Stephen Paul, 4. Jeffrey Joseph, 5. Patricia Jean, 6. and 7. twins, Colleen and Coletta Karigan, died at birth, Feb. 4, 1959; (4) Walter Thomas; and (5) Richard Joseph Kraus, m. Hermina Evangeline Hanke Sept. 26, 1959. Walter J. Kraus died Oct. 11, 1951 and Martha Esser Kraus lives in Sedalia, Mo.

NOTE: Lorenz Esser married 2nd Mary Hoffmeister Sept. 18, 1917. No issue. She died Jan. 3, 1944.

#### RECORD OF MARY ESSER AND ANTHONY BRUECK

(4) *Anna Maria (Mary Ann) Esser* was born near Boonville, Mo. September 12, 1852, died in Pilot Grove, Mo. March 4, 1928, and is buried in Kansas City, Mo. She was married to Anthony Brueck, who was born Aug. 1, 1848 and died Jan. 1, 1898. They were the parents of five children:

1. William Bertram Brueck, b. Dec. 30, 1876, lives in Paola, Kansas, married Katherine McGrath Jan. 17, 1899. They are the parents of six children:
  - (1) William Thomas, b. Feb. 16, 1900, m. Josephine Anne Mc-

Clain and they have two children: 1. William Thomas Jr., b. April 10, 1928, m. Rhoda Roberts and they were the parents of two sons: (a) Baxter Charles, b. Oct. 15, 1948, and (b) Robert Alvin Brueck, b. Jan. 16, 1950; and 2. Josephine Ann Brueck, b. March 15, 1930, m. Thomas Dalton July 11, 1959. William Thomas Brueck married 2nd Freda Jensen (1951).

(2) Oliver John, b. April 1, 1902, m. Marie Bauer and they are the parents of six children: 1. Thomas Joseph, b. June 18, 1930, m. Maurine Kenny and they have three children: (a) Daniel Kenny, b. June 28, 1957, (b) Mary, b. Sept. 27, 1958, and (c) Michael Joseph Brueck, b. Oct. 11, 1959; 2. Barbara Ann, b. Feb. 5, 1932, m. John Patrick Donnelly and they have seven children: (a) John Patrick Jr., b. July 22, 1952, (b) Kevin Michael, b. July 9, 1953, (c) Joseph Dixon, b. Nov. 4, 1954, (d) Mary Catherine, b. Oct. 24, 1955, (e) Colleen Ann, b. Feb. 20, 1957, (f) Kathleen Loretta, b. March 29, 1958, and (g) Eileen Marie Donnelly, b. April 28, 1959; 3. Mary Jeanne Brueck, b. Sept. 12, 1937; 4. John Karl, b. Feb. 12, 1940; 5. Timothy Richard, b. March 16, 1953; and 6. Robert George Brueck, b. Aug. 30, 1954.

(3) Kathryn Louise Brueck, b. Sept. 15, 1905.

(4) Leslie Anthony Brueck, b. Oct. 23, 1907, m. Regina Kelly Frazier.

(5) Karl Arthur Brueck, b. July 24, 1910.

(6) Walter James Brueck, b. Nov. 4, 1912, m. Dorothy Hoffman and they had three children: 1. Bernard James, b. Dec. 27, 1936; 2. Janice Marie, b. 1940, d. 1949; and 3. Jerome Walter Brueck, b. Oct. 14, 1942.

2. Anthony Emil George Brueck, b. April 9, 1879, d. Dec. 14, 1914. Did not marry.
3. Arthur Peter Brueck, b. June 5, 1880, d. Nov. 11, 1924. Did not marry.
4. Eugenia Brueck, lives in New York City, m. Earl McCreery. No children.
5. Lulu Brueck, b. May 23, 1883, d. 1899.

#### RECORD OF ANNA MARGARET ESSER AND BERNARD J. MARTIN

(5) *Anna Margaret Esser* was born Jan. 11, 1854 (church record in Boonville) and died July 3, 1893. She married Bernard J. Martin, who was born Jan. 29, 1853 and died Feb. 11, 1943. They were the parents of three children, all of whom died in infancy:

1. Anna Margaret Martin, b. May 31, 1887, d. July 2, 1887.
2. Leo J. A. Martin, b. June 30, 1890, d. Sept. 10, 1890.
3. Martha Martin, b. June 15, 1893, died Aug. 17, 1893.

Bernard J. and Anna Margaret Esser Martin also adopted a daughter: Mamie, b. April 17, 1882, who married Otto Stoecklein, Sr. and lives in Pilot Grove, Mo. [NOTE: After the death of Anna Mar-



garet Esser Martin, Bernard J. Martin married 2nd Mary Twenter and they were the parents of three children: Geneva Elizabeth (Mrs. Carl E. Nelson), Urban Joseph, and Bernadine Margaret (Mrs. Francis C. Bahner). Urban Joseph Martin married Martha Theresa Felten and their record may be found in the Bernard Joseph Felten record.]

#### RECORD OF KATHERINE ESSER AND MICHAEL DUMOLT

(6) *Anna Katherine Esser* was born near Pilot Grove, Mo. Jan. 30, 1856 and died in Boonville, Mo. Aug. 5, 1921. She married Michael Dumolt Nov. 22, 1877. He was born Nov. 25, 1849 in Baerendorf, Alsace-Lorraine, France and died near Boonville, Mo. April 3, 1920. His parents were Jacob Dumolt (1815-1905) and Marie Anna Lambing Dumolt (1817-1891).

Anna Katherine Esser and Michael Dumolt were the parents of seven children:

1. Clara Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1878, d. May 5, 1913. She married Frank Christian Stegner June 11, 1902. One child stillborn, May 5, 1913.
2. Dorothy Victoria, b. April 20, 1881, d. July 27, 1938. She married George Robert Cathey Nov. 25, 1909, and they were the parents of three children: (1) Eugene Michael, m. Margaret Louise Johnson July 11, 1938 and they have four children: 1. Michael Robert, 2. Susan Louise, 3. Rosemary Jean, 4. Margaret Ellen Cathey; (2) John Leo, m. Mary Margaret Brewer Sept. 2, 1938 and they have three children: 1. Jerel David, 2. Marilyn Ann, 3. John Robert Cathey; (3) Estelle Kathryn, m. Claire Emerson Hornor May 2, 1936. They have one son: 1. Neil Wayne Hornor.
3. Eugene Louis, b. Sept. 28, 1883, d. June 10, 1907.
4. John Jacob, b. Sept. 30, 1885, m. Dorothy Knauer Sept. 14, 1910. They were the parents of two sons: (1) Stanley Michael, d. Jan. 27, 1918; (2) John Edmund, m. Shirley Ann Stapelton Nov. 5, 1955. They have two children: 1. Mark Stephen, 2. Lisa Ann Dumolt.
5. Minnie Margaret, b. Sept. 12, 1887, m. Joseph Anthony Oswald April 16, 1913. Issue, 4 children: (1) Edward Joseph, m. Johanna Bernice Donahue Feb. 11, 1947 and they have four children: 1. Edward Joseph II, 2. James Patrick, 3. Mary Helen, and 4. Michael Anthony Oswald; (2) Marguerite Virginia, m. James Gilbert Shannon Sept. 18, 1937. They are the parents of three children: 1. Donald Joseph, 2. James Edward, and 3. Margaret Dianne Shannon; (3) Mildred Armene; (4) Harold Francis, m. Velma L. Schubert May 2, 1944. They have four children: 1. Gregory Stephen, 2. Susan Ann, 3. Barbara Jo, and 4. David Michael Oswald.
6. Stella Catherine, b. March 13, 1893, m. Marshall Ignatius Sloan Nov. 25, 1919. They are the parents of five children: (1) Marshall William, m. Mary Jane Boatright June 13, 1942 and they have two

- children: 1. Beverly Sue, 2. Robert Dumolt Sloan; (2) Stella Kathryn, m. Melvan Lavan Cauthon Nov. 23, 1949. They are the parents of two children: 1. Melvan Louis, 2. Mary Kay Cauthon; (3) Margaret Jean Sloan; (4) Helen Marie, m. Henry Louis Hoff April 6, 1948 and they have six children: 1. Steven Louis, 2. Charles Edwin, 3. Patricia Marie, 4. Michael David, 5. John Richard, and 6. Barbara Helen Hoff; (5) Elizabeth Evelyn, m. Kenneth Leroy Nauman Oct. 3, 1953 and they have one daughter: 1. Dorothy Marcella Nauman.
7. Marie Ida, b. July 26, 1895, d. Dec. 27, 1923. She married James Michael Murphy April 4, 1923. One child, Marie Murphy, b. Dec. 25, 1923, died a few hours after birth.

#### RECORD OF MAGDALENA ESSER AND EVERETT HILDEN

(9) *Magdalena Esser* was born near Pilot Grove, Mo. Jan. 25, 1859 and died in Boonville, Mo. Jan. 12, 1944. She married Everett Hilden Sept. 9, 1879. He was born Sept. 8, 1848 in Longerich, Germany and died in Boonville, Mo. March 6, 1907. They were the parents of nine children:

1. Henry Michael, b. Oct. 23, 1880, d. Oct. 12, 1895.
2. Anna Margaret, b. Oct. 26, 1882, d. June 5, 1942. She married Gibson Stephen Moore June 22, 1911 and they were the parents of three children: (1) Virginia Evelyn, m. Herman Moore Aug. 23, 1951; (2) William Lafayette, m. Nancy Stoneham Nov. 24, 1950; (3) Marjorie Louise, m. Thomas Hackward Feb. 4, 1946. They have three children: 1. Thomas William, 2. Anna Louise, and 3. Hannah Rose Hackward.
3. Julia Bernadine, b. Sept. 3, 1885.
4. Adolph Everett, b. Sept. 10, 1887, m. Ellen Hulda Stephens Jan. 7, 1915. Issue 4 children: (1) Adolph Everett, m. Julia Mae Newman May 5, 1948. They are the parents of four children: 1. Carolyn Sue, d. June 23, 1949, 2. Julia Mae, 3. Joyce Ann, and 4. Donna Marie Hilden; (2) John Lyle, m. Mary Ann Neal Sept. 4, 1950 and they have three children: 1. John Lyle, Jr., 2. Larry Joseph, and 3. William Edward Hilden; (3) Mary Ellen, m. Sam Mische Oct. 27, 1946; (4) Herman Joseph, m. Phyllis Twillman Apr. 22, 1957. One child: 1. William Dale Hilden.
5. Bertram Lawrence, b. Feb. 2, 1890, m. Julia Margaret McDonough May 9, 1927. They are the parents of four children: (1) Marie Janet, m. John Reis Feb. 17, 1960; (2) Barbara Jean, m. James A. Brady Dec. 28, 1955 and they have three children: 1. Mark Edward, 2. James Patrick, and 3. Linda Sue Brady; (3) Bertram Lawrence, Jr., m. Betty Earlene Schupp. They have one child: 1. Bertina Kay Hilden; (4) Margaret Ann Hilden.
6. Evelyn Marie, b. May 20, 1892, m. Charles H. Bechtold April 19, 1921. No issue.



7. Herman Patrick, b. May 3, 1894, d. July 1, 1927.
8. Barbara Catherine, b. June 26, 1897. She married 1st Francis Vest Givens Sept. 27, 1920. He died Oct. 26, 1930. She married 2nd Frank Leo Gross March 28, 1932. They have one daughter: (1) Barbara Kathryn Gross, m. Vernon Zeller June 2, 1956. They have one child: 1. Barbara Kathryn Zeller.
9. William Jennings, b. Oct. 26, 1900, d. Dec. 25, 1927. He married Grace Kathryn Whitehurse April 14, 1924. They were the parents of two children: (1) Geraldine Marie, m. John J. Burke July 27, 1948 and they have two children: 1. Susan Mary, and 2. Diane Ellen Burke; (2) William Jennings II, m. Doris Edwards Dec. 26, 1948 and they have three children: 1. Nancy June, 2. William Jennings III, and 3. Leo Joseph Hilden.

#### THE JOHN BERNARD ESSER FAMILY

(10) *John Bernard Esser*, the youngest son of Bertram and Agnes Felten Esser, was born Jan. 25, 1861 in Cooper County, Mo. and died in Pilot Grove, Mo. June 23, 1931. He was married to Anna Mary Widel on Nov. 21, 1882. She was the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Bonen Widel, and was born Jan. 6, 1863 and died June 11, 1930. This fine, genial couple spent the whole of their married life, nearly a half century, in Cooper County, in and near Pilot Grove. They were "part" of the community and loved by all who knew them. Strangely though, today (1960) not a single member of this family lives in the county, not even in the state. The children are all dead and the grandchildren are scattered in various states throughout the United States.

John Bernard and Anna Mary Widel Esser were the parents of three children:

1. Philip Jacob, b. April 6, 1884, d. Aug. 9, 1953 in Richmond, Calif. He was married to Josephine Catherine Day Aug. 23, 1905 and they had four children: (1) Mary Josephine, b. Nov. 30, 1906, d. April 14, 1955 in Richmond, Calif.; (2) John Andrew, lives in Coldwater, Mich., was born Aug. 13, 1908, m. Mildred Schumaker May 12, 1934 and they are the parents of two children: 1. John Raymond, b. May 4, 1936, and 2. Jo Ellen Esser, b. April 25, 1939, m. Jack Summitt Oct. 24, 1959; (3) Gertrude Lelia, lives in Omaha, Nebr., b. June 7, 1910, m. Ellis R. Schlotzhauer Sept. 3, 1934 and they have one son: 1. Russell E. Schlotzhauer, b. Aug. 18, 1936; and (4) Leo Adam Esser, lives in Berkeley, Calif., b. Jan. 12, 1912, m. Evelyn Cook April 5, 1942 and they have two children: 1. Mary Lee, b. July 17, 1945, and 2. Philip James Esser, b. May 14, 1947.
2. Henry John, b. Jan. 21, 1886, d. Dec. 25, 1956 in Topeka, Kansas, m. Annetta Margaret Fuser April 16, 1907. They were the parents of six children:
  - (1) Loretta Mary, lives in Topeka, Kansas, b. Nov. 27, 1911, m. Leslie D. Thomas June 14, 1928 and they have six children: 1. Dwight H., b. April 9, 1929, m. Irma Jeanne Gordon April 15,

1950 and they have four children: (a) Vickie Marie, b. Jan. 14, 1951, (b) Kevin Michael, b. April 9, 1952, (c) Tyrone Victor, b. May 12, 1954, and (d) Deonn René Thomas, b. Sept. 4, 1958; 2. Patricia Ann, b. Oct. 21, 1932, m. 1st Gerald Louis Koehler Feb. 7, 1953 and they had one daughter: (a) Lesley Loretta Koehler, b. June 21, 1955. Patricia Ann Thomas married 2nd Donald E. Finson and they are the parents of one daughter: (b) Donette Ann Finson, b. Dec. 27, 1957; 3. Delores Marie, b. Feb. 12, 1935, m. Raymond William Hafner Sept. 3, 1953 and they have one daughter: (a) Delene Marie Hafner, b. Nov. 9, 1954; 4. Janet Louise, b. April 14, 1937, m. Jack Shupe and they have three children: (a) Eugenia Lynn, b. Aug. 29, 1956, (b) Leon Jackie, b. Nov. 3, 1958, and (c) Leina Lea Shupe, b. Oct. 14, 1959; 5. William Andrew, b. July 1, 1938, m. Frances Browning April 27, 1957; and 6. Douglas Martin Thomas, b. April 26, 1942.

(2) Mary Margaret, lives in Houston, Texas, b. Dec. 9, 1913, m. Thomas C. Morrison May 10, 1937 and they have two adopted children: 1. Mary Ann, b. April 1, 1946; and 2. Thomas C. Morrison Jr., b. March 8, 1948.

(3) Martin Philip, lives in Topeka, Kansas, b. Nov. 8, 1915, m. Lillian P. Hertlein Oct. 26, 1937, and they have two sons: 1. Martin Henry, b. March 19, 1948; and 2. James Alan Esser, b. May 15, 1950.

(4) Henry John, lives in Dallas, Texas, b. Dec. 26, 1917, m. Virginia Ruth Early Nov. 26, 1942, and they have three children: 1. Kathy Ann, b. Aug. 8, 1947; 2. Henry John Jr., b. Aug. 12, 1949; and 3. Janene Esser, b. Dec. 7, 1952.

(5) William Andrew, lives in Topeka, Kansas, b. Jan. 30, 1921, m. Coralie Woodward Oct. 30, 1948 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Lydia Ellen, b. Aug. 6, 1949; 2. Bonita Marie, b. May 13, 1951; 3. William Andrew Jr., b. Feb. 20, 1953; 4. Philip Gerard, b. March 25, 1955; 5. Michael Leonard, b. April 29, 1956; and 6. Jerome Bernard Esser, b. July 20, 1957.

(6) Leonard Godfrey Esser, lives in Topeka, Kansas, b. Nov. 10, 1923, m. Mathilda Desch June 2, 1948, and they have five children: 1. Annetta Marie, b. May 17, 1949; 2. Barbara, b. Jan. 20, 1951; 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. Dec. 17, 1952; 4. Jane, b. March 24, 1956; and 5. Leonard Jacob Esser, b. Oct. 18, 1959.

3. Anna Mary Esser, b. Jan. 12, 1888, d. Feb. 19, 1947 in Clyde, Mo. She made her profession as a Benedictine nun at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration at Clyde, Mo. on Sept. 27, 1907 and took the name of Sister Mary Annunciata, O.S.B.



## Anna Maria Felten

(1824-1877)

Church records from Germany show that Anna Maria Felten was born in Klein-Vernich, Prussia, Germany Nov. 3, 1824 and was baptized in the Catholic Church in Gross-Vernich, twin city of Klein-Vernich. She was the fourth child and third daughter of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten. She married John Thomas Fischer in Prussia and came to America with her family in 1850 and settled in Cooper County, Missouri. She died Oct. 2, 1877 and is buried in the Catholic cemetery in Boonville, Mo.

According to stories brought down by the family, and for this we are indebted to her granddaughter, Gertrude Fischer Rages of Hughesville, Mo. who has passed on to us a letter from her sister, Juliana Fischer Inscho, now of Honolulu, Hawaii, from which we shall quote, "John Thomas Fischer was a descendant of a long line of merchant marine men who conducted business with the East when pirates infested the seas and wandering tribes of robbers lived in the deserts which were impassable. These were the Fischers who came from the ancient Franks. It seems they amassed a great deal of money and became wealthy commission merchants. Our own grandfather, John Fischer, and his brother for some reason engaged in a fierce family feud. Grandfather, being the younger brother, was cheated out of his part of the estate and in 1850 sailed with his family for America. He was not a rugged man, had never engaged in manual labor nor the business of making a living. He could not weather the strenuous hardships of those early pioneer days in America and died young." Another letter says he "had been an expert accountant in Germany but when he came to the U. S. the language barrier was so great he was forced to take a job as a common laborer on the building of the railroad bridge over the Missouri River at Boonville. He was unable to stand the exposure and died of pneumonia."

We are told John Thomas Fischer's father's name was Jacob and he had a twin brother and a sister. The sister's name was Gertrude—she was a nun and the twin brother was a priest. Jacob Fischer was in love with a beautiful girl of his own class and she died before they were married. He had a watch chain made from her hair and some of his great-great-grandchildren still have it in their possession. He then married a housemaid in their home and she was a French woman from Alsace-Lorraine, but the Fischers considered this deviation from pure German ancestry a blot on their fair name and did not allow her to speak French nor have anything at all to do with her own people. And her children and grandchildren, though showing marked French characteristics, were taught to be ashamed of this French ancestry.

We have records of four children of John Thomas and Anna Maria Felten Fischer, although we have been told one child was lost on their trip across the Atlantic and buried at sea. However, we have nothing

to substantiate this except hearsay. The four children who lived in America were:

1. Elizabeth, b. June 2, 1844, d. June 16, 1917, married John Martin.
2. Godfried, b. June 22, 1846, d. Aug. 19, 1909, married Veronica Olivia Heilman.
3. Gertrude, b. 1849, d. Dec. 1, 1936, married Frederick Schach.
4. Agnes Josephine, b. Jan. 4, 1855, d. Dec. 4, 1945, married John B. Pabst.

After the death of John Thomas Fischer, Anna Maria Felten married 2d Stephen Wittman within a few months, as she was alone in a strange country and needed help with her growing family. They were the parents of one daughter: Margaret, b. June 16, 1856, d. April 6, 1944, married Frank Stretz of Boonville. Stephen Wittman is of the same Wittman family who settled around Cooper County, some of the descendants of whom are in this booklet.

We continue below with the individual records of the various children of Anna Maria Felten.

#### RECORD OF ELIZABETH FISCHER AND JOHN MARTIN

(1) *Elizabeth Fischer* was born in Germany June 2, 1844 and died in Pilot Grove, Mo. June 16, 1917. She married John Martin May 1, 1863 and they were the parents of one son:

1. Francis Joseph Martin, b. June 14, 1864, died Feb. 16, 1930. He was married to Rose Dietrich. They had no children.

Elizabeth Fischer and John Martin also had one adopted daughter: Effie Mary (Hamilton) Martin, b. Sept. 5, 1883, married Francis Joseph Schuster. As of February 23, 1960, she has twelve living children, forty-eight grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. (See Francis Joseph Schuster record under Christina Felten and William Schuster.)

#### THE GODFRIED FISCHER FAMILY

Following is the record of the Godfried Fischer family. In presenting this family, we wish to give full credit to Gertrude Fischer Rages, daughter, of Hughesville, Mo., who compiled all the data and furnished old letters from various members of the family which not only provided us the background, but portrayed distinctive qualities possessed by this branch of the lineage. Portions of these letters are quoted below and in other parts of this booklet.

(2) *Godfried Fischer* was born June 22, 1846 in the State of Prussia, near Cologne, and died in Los Angeles, Calif. Aug. 19, 1909. He was married on Feb. 2, 1868 to Veronica Olivia Heilman who was born June 7, 1845 in the State of Baden, near Dusseldorf, Germany, and died in Sedalia, Mo. April 12, 1931.

To digress slightly, it will be of interest, particularly to descend-



ants of Veronica Olivia Heilman Fischer, to know that she was the daughter of Valentine and Juliana von Staeblein Heilman and came to this country with her parents when she was five years of age. Valentine Heilman died Oct. 1, 1907 and Juliana von Staeblein Heilman died Aug. 15, 1907. Both are buried in the Catholic cemetery in Marshall, Mo. Juliana von Staeblein Heilman "came from a long line of very fine musicians who gained their title to 'von' by performing and excelling in music in peerage circles in ancient times. Two of her brothers made a name for themselves musically in helping originate philharmonic orchestras and figured prominently in the first successful orchestras in more recent times." Valentine Heilman also possessed musical ability of note, so it is small wonder that this characteristic has passed down to the generations that followed. Gertrude Fischer Rages, for example, has three music majors among her children and the same musical quality exists in other branches of the family. During the Civil War, Veronica Heilman Fischer spent some time in St. Louis in the home of her aunt, Elizabeth von Staeblein Reuter (later Meisenheimer) and there "a talent scout heard her sing and offered to sponsor a musical education for her if she would promise to sing Grand Opera, but her parents felt it was a sin to be on 'the stage' and refused their consent."

A newspaper clipping from the *Sedalia* (Mo.) *Democrat*, dated June 10, 1930, for which we are also indebted to Gertrude Rages, is reprinted in part below as the experiences described therein depict in a similar measure those of all our forebears who left their homelands to find a new life in America:

A birthday celebration in honor of Mrs. Veronica Fischer, who was eighty-five years old June the 7th was held Sunday at her home, 1413 West Eleventh Street [Sedalia].

The following children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were present. . . .

Mrs. Fischer was born in Baden, Germany and came across the Atlantic Ocean with her parents at the age of five. The family with a number of relatives and friends embarked at Antwerp, Belgium. The route led through the English Channel. The trip was made in a sail vessel by the name of Unkas. It took three months to come across as adverse winds and storms drove the vessel back almost to the starting point.

Events of the trip are as fresh in the memory of Mrs. Fischer as if they had happened recently. Once the ship sprang a leak and listed so that it seemed to be lying on its side. There were three burials at sea as the fresh water gave out and healthful food became scarce owing to the enforced length of time taken to make the trip. The tragedy of these burials is still very vivid in her memory as members of her family became ill and the possibility was present that it might be one of her loved ones who would be sewed up in canvas and with a weight to their feet be allowed to slide off a board over the ship's side.

The sight of flying fish and a monster of the deep, supposedly a

whale, made a deep impression on her memory. The boat docked at New Orleans and from there the family traveled up the Mississippi River in a steam boat to Ste. Genevieve, where they resided for the next three years. From there they came by steam boat to Boonville (Mo.) and from Boonville they traveled in a wooden wheel cart drawn by oxen to a point about twenty miles west of Boonville near Pleasant Green, where they took up pioneer life in what is known as the Clear Creek neighborhood.

Mrs. Fischer was a girl of seventeen when the Civil War began and for four years she and her mother and sister did all the work and lived in constant fear of bushwhackers as all the men were in the army. An outstanding event of this time was an encounter with bushwhackers. The girls of the neighborhood had to take their turns at going to Pilot Grove after weekly mail. On one such trip which was made on horseback, a thunder storm came up driving her to a vacant house for shelter.

Upon opening the door she found a number of bushwhackers had reached this shelter first. Of course the terrors of a storm were to be preferred to these horrors that only people who lived through them can appreciate; she, of course, rode on home through the storm, arriving there drenched and with the mail all wet. This is only one of many similar experiences.

Mrs. Fischer has kept up with the progress of the times, and still takes keen interest in the questions of the day, reading her newspaper from cover to cover every day.

[The article above will be of interest also to related families, example the Wittmans, as Regina Heilman Wittman was a sister of Valentine Heilman and came to America at the same time. She was the great-grandmother of the children of Lawrence Wittman of Marshall, Mo., and also of Dorothy Williams Esser of Kansas City, Mo., whose records appear elsewhere in this volume.]

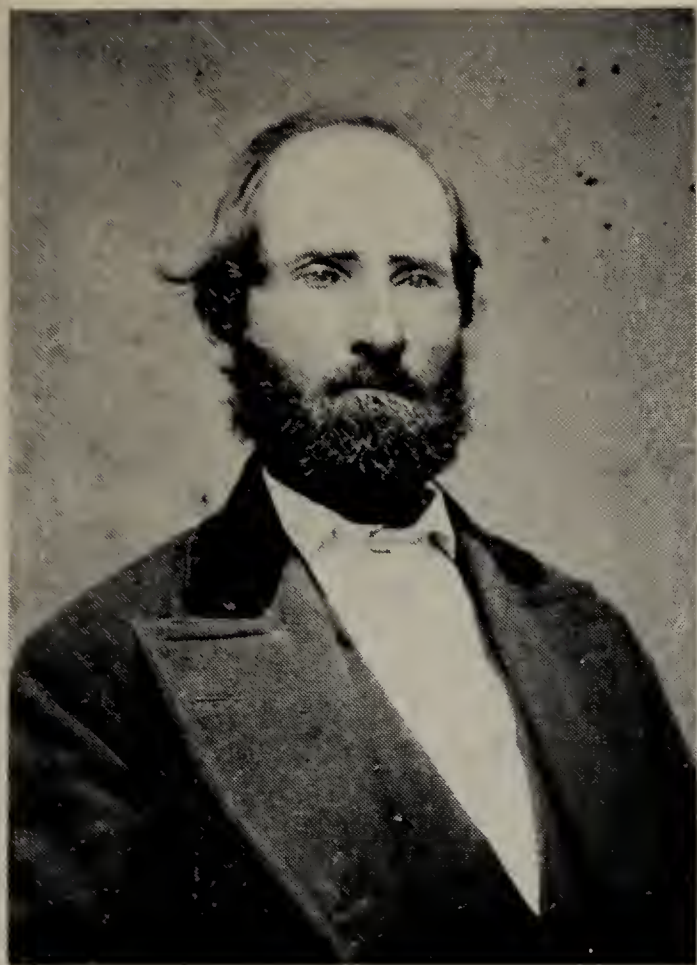
Godfried Fischer and Veronica Heilman Fischer were the parents of eleven children:

1. John William Fischer, b. Nov. 18, 1868, d. July 5, 1912 in Fayette, Mo., m. Jan. 11, 1895 to Josephine Bradley. Issue, five children: (1) Valentine Louis; (2) Marvin Richard, m. Louiseana Hurlburt Oct. 8, 1927; (3) Veronica Eliza, m. Raymond Jenkins Nov. 29, 1921 and they have two daughters: 1. Shirley Marie, lives in San Fernando, Calif., m. Jerald N. Allred June 18, 1949 and they are the parents of five children: (a) Gary Lee, (b) Bonnie Jean, (c) Jeffrey Alan, (d) Kevin Eugene, and (e) Lisa Ann Allred, and 2. Patricia Delores Jenkins, b. July 5, 1936, d. July, 1958; (4) Dorothy Martinowski, lives in Bowling Green, Mo.; and (5) Melba Gertrude, also of Bowling Green, Mo., m. Sam B. Wells Dec. 31, 1935. No children.
2. Bertram Joseph Fischer, b. Oct. 30, 1870, d. May 24, 1872.
3. Frank Julius Fischer, b. Dec. 4, 1872, d. March 12, 1950 in Pacoima, Calif. (See Observation on Genealogy, p. 79.)



4. Gustauf Fischer, died at birth, July 1, 1874.
5. Edward Cornelius Fischer, b. May 23, 1875, d. at his home near Sedalia, Mo. July 12, 1947. He was married to Dora Lee Scott Feb. 10, 1898 and they were the parents of six children:
  - (1) Iola Frances, lives in Sedalia, Mo., m. Ollie Edward Richards Dec. 23, 1920 and they have five children: 1. Edward Leo, m. Anna Mae Wissman Aug. 15, 1946 and they have one son: (a) Ronald Linn Richards; 2. Loy Laree, m. Margaret Jane Henderson July 8, 1944 and they have three children: (a) Lana Kay, (b) Michael Loy, and (c) Janet Laree Richards; 3. Loell Howard, m. Mabel Aleen Abney May 1, 1949 and they have five children: (a) Sharon Sue, (b) Howard Wayne, (c) Roger Dale, (d) Robert Allen, and (e) Melody Ann Richards; 4. Darrell Dean; and 5. Patricia Louise Richards, m. Lee Garner Weir Nov. 25, 1954 and they are the parents of four children: (a) Rickey Lee, (b) Rusty Glenn, (c) Karen Denese, and (d) Ronda Lee Weir.
  - (2) Garnetta Ewing, m. Clifford Emmett Stewart Jan. 15, 1921 and they had three children: 1. Norma Evelyn, b. May 13, 1922, d. Oct. 28, 1957, m. Albert A. Batts Sept. 25, 1944 and they had two children: (a) Nancy Jane, and (b) Jeffrey Allen Batts; 2. Clifford Eldon, m. Gloria Ritterhoff Oct. 5, 1946, and they are the parents of two children: (a) Clifford Edward, and (b) Marcia Kay Stewart; and 3. Lora Maxine Stewart, m. Raymond J. Whalen Feb. 3, 1951 and they have three children: (a) Kathe Sue, (b) Karyl Ann, and (c) Michael Ray Whalen.
  - (3) Edward Clay, m. Opal Victoria Batts Sept. 18, 1940 and they have two children: 1. Michael Clay, and 2. Edward Lee Fischer.
  - (4) Milton Lee.
  - (5) Bertha Gertrude, m. Roy Pollard Wood May 2, 1931 and they are the parents of three children: 1. Carol Ann, m. John Roy Houston April 2, 1954 and they have two sons: (a) Herbert Roy, and (b) Lanny Brian Houston; 2. Marvin Dale; and 3. Roy Allen Wood.
  - (6) Juliana Fischer, m. Clarence Lee Smith Sept. 7, 1935 and they have five children: 1. Lynn Joyce, m. Ernest Lee Roy Laningham July 5, 1953 and they have two children: (a) Terresa Linn, and (b) Lee Robert Laningham; 2. Duane Lee, m. Constance Anne Kindell and they have one daughter: (a) Debra Lynn Smith; 3. Melvin Lloyd; 4. Harry Edward; and 5. Connie Jean Smith.
6. Elizabeth Margaret Frances Fischer, lives in Sedalia, Mo., b. Oct. 9, 1877.
7. Herman Joseph Fischer, b. Nov. 22, 1879, d. Dec. 2, 1947 in Roach, Mo., m. Mary Belle Shaw Aug. 28, 1907. Issue, four children: (1) Elvera Maree, m. Wilbur Lowery Lewis July 5, 1925, no children; (2) Herman Joseph Jr., m. Marian F. Tollaksen June





HUBERT JOSEF FELTEN

(Son of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, born in Klein-Vernich, Germany. Came to America in 1853, returned to Germany, married Anna Katharina Lessenich, and came back to America in 1855.)



ANNA KATHARINA LESSENICH

(Wife of Hubert Josef Felten and daughter of Michael Lessenich and Helene Katharina Proff, born in Klein-Vernich, Germany.)



ANNA MARIA FELTEN

(Daughter of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, married first John Thomas Fischer, second Stephen Wittman. She and John Thomas Fischer and three children came to America in 1850.)



BENA FELTEN

(Daughter of Hubert Josef Felten and Anna Katharina Lessenich, born in Boonville, Mo., married Jacob Hoff. Her interest in family and the records she kept were of assistance in compiling this book.)





*Catholic Church in Gross-Vernich, Germany where all the first generation of Feltens in America were baptized. The church was erected in 1723 and in 1960 services are still conducted in the original structure. Rev. Heinrich Siepen is the present pastor.*



- 21, 1934, no children; (3) Bernice V., m. Claude L. Carver May 16, 1931, no children; and (4) Ethel Mae Fischer, m. 1st Donald Lee Cummins Oct. 28, 1933 and they had one son: 1. Donald Lee Cummins Jr. Ethel Mae Fischer m. 2nd Russell Robert Gaines Oct. 2, 1936. Donald Lee Cummins Jr. was adopted by Russell Robert Gaines May, 1948 and now goes by the name of Donald Lee Gaines.
8. Mary Juliana Fischer, lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, b. Nov. 15, 1881, m. Loy Wilmer Inscho Sept. 18, 1908 and they had one daughter: (1) Mary Isabel, m. 1st William Faulkner and they had one son: 1. Robert Charles Faulkner, b. Feb. 7, 1929, d. Sept. 6, 1951, m. Jacqueline Belknap Feb. 2, 1951 and they were the parents of one daughter born in Wailuku, Hawaii: (a) Catherine Mililani Faulkner. Robert Charles Faulkner gave his life for his country in Korea. Mary Isabel Inscho married 2nd Thomas Francis Haran, no children.
9. Wilhelmina Josephine Fischer, b. Dec. 31, 1884, d. Nov. 14, 1887.
10. Carl Godfried Fischer, lives near Fortuna, Mo., b. June 23, 1887, m. Maggie Mae Robbins and they are the parents of four children: (1) Richard Harvey, m. Jean Erwin, no children; (2) Carlene Mae, m. Eddie Sheets, no children; (3) Ruth Elizabeth, m. Richard Fowler, no children; and (4) Carl Melvin Fischer.
11. Ludwina Gertrude Fischer, lives in Hughesville, Mo., b. Jan. 4, 1891, m. Charles Louis Rages May 18, 1913. A son of John and Mary Bluhm Rages, he was born in Morgan County, Mo. May 8, 1872 and died May 12, 1959. The Rages ancestors were of English descent. Charles Louis and Gertrude Fischer Rages were the parents of six children:
- (1) Mildred Frances, b. March 3, 1914, teaches in St. Charles, Mo. (1960).
- (2) Charles Louis, Jr., b. March 16, 1917, m. July 6, 1947 to Katherine Virginia Green. They have two children: 1. Kathy Ann, b. March 7, 1950; and 2. David Charles Rages, b. May 19, 1952.
- (3) Miriam Nell, b. March 23, 1919, m. Julian Elgin Fowler June 7, 1942. They are the parents of two children: 1. Martha Sue, b. July 17, 1950; and 2. Julian Donald Fowler, b. Oct. 28, 1952.
- (4) Lillian Ruth, b. Nov. 13, 1922, m. Harold William Barrick April 3, 1948 and they have two children: 1. Anita Ruth, b. Oct. 25, 1954; and 2. William Alan Barrick, b. May 21, 1958.
- (5) Kathryn Lucile, b. Feb. 13, 1925, m. Robert Stone Fox Aug. 18, 1956 and they have one daughter: 1. Gretchen Lee Fox, b. June 28, 1957.
- (6) Margaret Isabel, b. June 2, 1927, m. Julian Dale Boyd June 27, 1948 and they have three children: 1. Timothy Sherwood, b. April 2, 1954; 2. Robert Charles, b. Oct. 23, 1956; and 3. Jonathan Ragner Boyd, b. Oct. 23, 1958.



## RECORD OF GERTRUDE FISCHER AND FREDERICK SCHACH

(3) *Gertrude Fischer*, daughter of John Thomas and Anna Maria Felten Fischer, was born in Germany in 1849 and died in Joplin, Mo. Dec. 1, 1936. She married Frederick Schach and they were the parents of fourteen children. Several infants died at birth and she reared a stepson, John Schach, whom she loved as her own son, and it is his son, John Schach, Jr. of Whiting, Ind., to whom we are indebted for finding members of this family. A vote of thanks is certainly due also to Norma Lee Twenter White of Joplin, Mo. whose efforts were largely responsible for locating John Schach, Jr. and her further interest in helping unravel other branches of this family.

We do not have a record on the seven children who died in infancy, but following are the records of the seven children of Gertrude Fischer and Frederick Schach who grew to adulthood:

1. Mary (Mamie) Schach, b. March 21, 1868, d. in Sedalia, Mo. in July 1909, or 1910, was married to Mont. Thatcher. No children.
2. Elizabeth Schach, lives in La Junta, Colo., b. June 24, 1869, m. Ed Middleton April 28, 1892, and they had two children:

(1) Rosey Pearl, b. Oct. 24, 1893, d. Oct. 25, 1949, m. Joseph Rumsey Dec. 18, 1909. They were the parents of six children:

1. Eva Bernice, b. Dec. 10, 1911, d. Oct. 6, 1954, m. Robert Rumsby April, 1928, and they had one son: (a) Robert Alan Rumsby, b. March 17, 1936.

2. Ruth Evelyn, b. Dec. 11, 1913, m. Edwin Earl Betry Dec. 11, 1931 and they have three children: (a) Gretchen Elaine, b. March 22, 1935; (b) Sharon Ruth, b. July 8, 1937, m. Robert Miller Schooley April, 1955, and they have three children: 1. Franklin Earl Schooley, b. May 17, 1956, 2. Carrie Ruth Schooley, b. May 27, 1957, and 3. Timothy Robert Schooley, b. Aug. 17, 1958; and (c) Nina Gayle Betry, b. Nov. 8, 1950.

3. Doris Eleanor, b. Sept. 2, 1915, m. Harold James Dutcher in 1940 and they have two children: (a) Linda, b. Feb. 21, 1943; and (b) Lee David Dutcher, b. Jan. 6, 1945.

4. Grace Thelma, b. Jan. 1917, d. Feb. 1917.

5. Betty Jean, b. April 15, 1925, m. John C. Allsbury and they have one son: (a) David Allsbury, b. Nov., 1950.

6. Bonnie David Rumsey, b. March 21, 1933, m. Jerri Taullie Jan. 2, 1956, and they have one son: (a) David Charles Rumsey, b. May 23, 1958.

(2) Robert Middleton, b. May 26, 1904, m. Josephine Stevens Sept. 25, 1927 and they are the parents of four children: 1. Patsy A., b. Aug. 10, 1928, m. James Robert Mapes Dec. 26, 1945, and they have three children: (a) James Robert Jr., b. Oct. 17, 1946, (b) Deborah Jo, b. Oct. 31, 1949, and (c) Gregory Charles Mapes, b. Feb. 6, 1955; 2. Robert Charles Middleton, b. June 5, 1931; 3. Ronald Edward Middleton, b. May 5, 1933, m. Mary Ellen Saar,

and they have one daughter: (a) Linda J. Middleton; and 4. Marilyn Edith Middleton, b. Nov. 21, 1941.

3. Clara Schach, b. Feb. 26, 1872, d. March 29, 1902 in Nevada, Mo. and is buried in Sedalia, Mo., m. Peter J. Harms and they had one daughter: (1) Mabel, m. ————— Patterson. No further record.

4. Frank Godfried Schach, b. in Boonville, Mo. Oct. 26, 1873, lives in Hughson, Calif., married Mellsena Attwood in Sedalia, Mo. Sept. 1, 1896 and they were the parents of four children:

(1) Karl T. Schach, lives in Middletown, Calif., born June 11, 1897, m. Anna Maud Moss Jan. 10, 1917 and they were the parents of three sons: 1. Ira Karl, died at birth Oct. 18, 1917; 2. Claude Conrad (Jennings), b. Feb. 14, 1919, m. Helen Godman Dec. 20, 1941 and they are the parents of three daughters: (a) Christine Carol, b. Dec. 4, 1943, (b) Linda Lou, b. Jan. 30, 1945, and (c) Kay Ellen Jennings, b. June 24, 1947; and 3. Orville Moss (Jennings), b. Nov. 14, 1920, m. Bette Locke Aug., 1943. Bette Locke Jennings died August, 1944 and Orville Moss Jennings married 2nd Corrine Hansen Sept. 7, 1958.

Karl T. Schach married 2nd Annie M. Perry August 12, 1924 and they had one son, who, for purposes of genealogical sequence, will be numbered: 4. Karl Allen Schach, b. April 4, 1926, m. Shirley Southard March 3, 1946 and they are the parents of five children: (a) Martin Allen, b. Aug. 17, 1948, (b) Jerry Michael, b. March 9, 1950, (c) Karl Curtis, b. July 30, 1953, (d) Danny Dean, b. May 9, 1956, and (e) Steven Connally Schach, b. April 5, 1958. Karl T. Schach married 3rd Leone Locke Robey May 18, 1940. No children of this marriage.

(2) Glenn Elmont (Monte) Schach, lives in Modesto, Calif., b. Dec. 27, 1899, m. Veta Williams June 5, 1921 and they have three children: 1. Daryl Elmont, b. June 8, 1922, m. Nadine Kent May 13, 1943 and they have one son: (a) Gerald Paul Schach, b. June 29, 1948; 2. Kenneth Warren, b. Feb. 17, 1932, lives in Modesto, Calif.; and 3. Carol Schach, b. Feb. 21, 1937, m. George F. Brower March 28, 1954 and they have three children: (a) Thomas Franklin, b. Oct. 20, 1955, (b) Kathryn Irene, b. Aug. 23, 1957, and (c) Gary Lee Brower, b. May 29, 1959.

(3) Mildred Wilhelmina Schach, b. June 20, 1902, lives in San Leandro, Calif., m. Byron E. Robertson April 19, 1919. They were the parents of two children: 1. Dolores Evelyn, b. Nov. 24, 1920, m. Richard Norman Weiss April 6, 1947, no children; and 2. William Everett Robertson, b. Sept. 12, 1925, m. Audrey Marie Peterson Jan. 13, 1950 and they have three children: (a) Kathryn Lynn, b. Feb. 3, 1954, (b) Karen Lee, b. Jan. 17, 1956, and (c) David Scott Robertson, b. Nov. 4, 1959. Mildred Wilhelmina Schach married 2nd Floyd Newton Turner Feb. 6, 1927 and they have one daughter, who, for purposes of genealogical sequence, will be listed as: 3. Marilyn Vivian Turner, b. March 10, 1928, m. Don-



ald Anthony Kerr Aug. 17, 1947 and they have five children: (a) Cynthia Louise, b. Dec. 7, 1948, (b) James Thomas, b. June 9, 1951, (c) Timothy Michael, b. Jan. 23, 1953, (d) Christopher Donald, b. April 26, 1954, and (e) Sharon Rose Kerr, b. March 4, 1956.

(4) Robert Timmons Schach, b. June 12, 1904, lives in Inglewood, Calif. Not married.

Mellsena Attwood Schach died Jan. 1, 1944 and Frank Godfried Schach married Laura McMurphy June 23, 1951. No issue of this marriage.

5. Henry Schach, born in Sedalia, Mo., circa 1877, was a railroad fireman and was killed in a train wreck in a blinding snowstorm on the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. in Farmington, Utah, and is buried in Utah. He was unmarried.

6. Frederick Lewis Schach, b. in Sedalia, Mo. May 14, 1879, d. near Joplin, Missouri Sept. 13, 1932, married first Maggie Morrow and they had two daughters: (1) and (2) Helen and Mildred. Helen married ——— Taylor and they had one son referred to as Junior. No further record.

Frederick Lewis Schach married second Florence Louise Smith Davis and they were the parents of four children, who will be numbered 3 to 6, so that all the children of Frederick Schach will be in genealogical sequence, though having different mothers. The four children:

(3) Elnora Schach, lives in Stark City, Mo., b. Sept. 29, 1922, m. Henry W. Raulston Jan. 18, 1939 and they are the parents of four children: 1. Anna Marie, b. Oct. 18, 1939, m. Billy Lee Green Feb. 3, 1954 and they have four children: (a) Gail Ann, b. Nov. 23, 1955, (b) Dianna Lee, b. Feb. 16, 1957, (c) Ricky Lee, b. July 17, 1958, and (d) Billy Ray Green, b. July 7, 1959; 2. Norma Lee, b. April 8, 1941, m. Louis D. Shaw Oct. 4, 1958; 3. Millard Leroy, b. Aug. 27, 1944; and 4. Oren Lee Raulston, b. March 20, 1947.

(4) Buster Albert Schach, lives in Spokane, Wash., b. Oct. 24, 1925, m. Mary Jo Cotter June 12, 1948, and they have two children: 1. James Russell, b. March 9, 1949; and 2. Brenda Gail Schach, b. Dec. 13, 1957.

(5) Buddy Ned Schach, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Sept. 13, 1928, m. Beverly Ann Smith Feb. 25, 1949 and they had two children: 1. Marsha Ann, b. Sept. 18, 1950; and 2. Debra Sue Schach, b. May 23, 1953. Buddy Ned Schach married 2nd Virginia ———. No children of this marriage.

(6) Geneva Anna Schach, lives in Spokane, Wash., b. Nov. 15, 1931, m. Ira Stewart Jan. 12, 1948, and they have two children: 1. Buddy Dean, b. Oct. 19, 1948; and 2. Susan Louise Stewart, b. Nov. 8, 1956.

7. Chester Arthur Schach, b. Oct. 29, 1882, lives in Ellsinore, Mo., married Goldie Myrtle Chapman and they were the parents of nine children:

(1) Herman Arthur, lives in Sacramento, Calif., b. March 22, 1908, m. Joy Jordan Sept. 21, 1948 and they have one daughter: 1. Joylyn Shelley Schach, b. Oct. 21, 1956.

(2) Henry Lewis, b. April 12, 1911, lives in Poplar Bluff, Mo., m. Alice Mary Foster Feb. 19, 1937, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Charles Arthur, b. July 9, 1938; 2. Shirley Ann, b. Sept. 16, 1940; 3. William Roy, b. Aug. 8, 1942; 4. Chester Louis, b. Sept. 4, 1945; 5. Carol Louise, b. Dec. 23, 1946; and 6. Betty Louise Schach, b. July 16, 1948.

(3) Chester Arthur, Jr., b. Jan. 18, 1913, lives in Tucson, Ariz. Single.

(4) Gertrude Bell, b. March 17, 1916, lives in Phoenix, Ariz. m. Sterling Glover and they have five children: 1. Robert; 2. Barbara Jean, b. March 19, 1936, m. Robert Easter Sims March 5, 1955 and they have three children: (a) Robert Sterling, b. March 3, 1956, (b) Thomas Howard, b. Oct. 5, 1957, and (c) John Arthur Sims, b. June 25, 1959; 3. James; 4. Donald Glover; and 5. Mary Ann Glover.

(5) Pearl May, b. Oct. 24, 1918, died July, 1919.

(6) Goldie Marie, lives in Tucson, Ariz., born June 20, 1922, m. James Austin Shepard Dec. 10, 1939 and they were the parents of two children: 1. Rosalie, b. July 28, 1940; and 2. Robert Lee Shepard, b. Aug. 8, 1942. Goldie Marie Schach married 2nd Hershell William Breeding Jan. 1, 1947 and of this marriage there were four children, who, for purposes of genealogical sequence will be numbered 3 to 6. The four children are: 3. William Clanton, b. Sept. 10, 1947; 4. Linda Marie, b. May 14, 1951; 5. John Paul, b. March 4, 1953; and 6. Catherine Noel Breeding, b. Dec. 23, 1957.

(7) Leola May, lives in Tucson, Ariz., b. Jan. 12, 1926, m. Oscar Kennedy Sept. 27, 1945 and they had one daughter: 1. Martha Louise Kennedy, b. July 22, 1946. Leola May Schach married 2nd John Thomas Brown Jr. May 14, 1949 and they have one daughter, who for purposes of genealogical sequence will be numbered: 2. Kathy Elaine Brown, b. Oct. 3, 1953.

(8) Theodore, b. June 26, 1929, d. June 29, 1929.

(9) Charles Donald Schach, lives in Tucson, Ariz., b. Aug. 20, 1933, m. Christine T. Coomer and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Patricia Carol, b. Feb. 28, 1953; and 2. Donna Sue Schach, b. April 16, 1959.

#### RECORD OF AGNES FISCHER AND JOHN PABST

We are indebted for the data in this record to Claire Belle Pabst Johnson of Joplin, Mo., who is a daughter of Agnes Josephine Fischer and John Pabst. But primarily, deserving of credit for the unique fashion in which Claire Belle Johnson was located (via radio) is my niece, Norma Lee Twenter White, also of Joplin. Were it not for her good offices, we would probably never had had a lead on this record, as this was a branch of the family we knew nothing about.



(4) *Agnes Josephine Fischer* was born Jan. 4, 1855 in Boonville, Mo. and died Dec. 4, 1945 in Joplin, Mo. She was married in 1871 to John B. Pabst who was born Dec. 20, 1847 and died April 13, 1899. (NOTE: We have not been able to establish a relationship between this John Pabst and the John Pabst who married Mary Diel—see under Agnes Felten Diel record. In the relationship on the paternal side, Claire Belle Pabst Johnson only remembers one aunt from St. Paul, Kans., her father's sister.)

Quoting from her obituary which appeared in the *Joplin Globe* on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1945, Agnes Fischer Pabst "was one of the founders of the Stapleton addition to Joplin." The original deed and title to the land reads "Stapleton-Pabst Addition." From all reports, she was a business woman and a realist. Her daughter tells the story that her aunt (Elizabeth Fischer Martin) would come to visit in their home and enthrall the Pabst children with stories about the palace that was her home and they particularly enjoyed the part about the "gold steps" in the house. But Agnes Pabst didn't think too highly of this kind of talk and used to tell her sister, "Don't fill the children's heads full of such nonsense."

Agnes Josephine Fischer and John Pabst were the parents of three children:

1. Ida Anna Pabst was born Sept. 19, 1872 in Kansas City, Mo. and died Aug. 16, 1941 in Joplin, Mo. On Sept. 13, 1892 a marriage license was issued to Ida Anna Pabst and Charles Ezra Hart, son of William Henry and Mary Alice Hart. (Charles Ezra Hart died in Santa Barbara, Calif. Feb. 17, 1930.) They were the parents of two children: (1) Agnes Alice, lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., m. Francis Evans April 8, 1917 and they have one daughter: 1. Barbara Jeanne, m. Donald Brian Sept. 12, 1945 and they have one daughter: (a) Susan Lynette Brian, b. June 10, 1950; and (2) Charles Rodney Hart, m. Maud Hunt and they have one son: 1. Warren Hart.
2. Claire Belle Pabst, b. Aug. 5, 1885, m. Ralph B. Johnson April 30, 1924 and they have one daughter: (1) Barbara Jean, b. July 24, 1925, lives in Joplin, Mo., m. Richard Earl Smith Dec. 2, 1944, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Richard Darrell, b. Nov. 4, 1946, 2. Steven Alan, b. Feb. 23, 1949, 3. Karen Jean, b. Nov. 19, 1950, and 4. David Wayne Smith, b. Nov. 24, 1952.
3. Robert Tyler Pabst, b. July 1, 1887, lives in Joplin, Mo.

#### MARGARET WITTMAN AND FRANK STRETZ

(5) *Margaret Wittman* was the only child of Anna Maria Felten (Fischer) and Stephen Wittman and a half-sister of Elizabeth Fischer Martin, Godfried Fischer, Gertrude Fischer Schach, and Agnes Fischer Pabst. She was born June 16, 1856 and died in Boonville, Mo. April 6, 1944. She married Frank Leo Stretz on Nov. 11, 1873—he was born

Dec. 22, 1849 and died April 7, 1922. Margaret Wittman and Frank Stretz were the parents of nine children:

1. Flora, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. Sept. 10, 1874, married John Schieberl Jan. 30, 1894. No issue
2. John Stretz, b. Aug. 16, 1876, died in Boonville, Mo. Jan. 24, 1959.
3. Frank Leo Stretz Jr., b. 1878, died in Boonville, Mo. Aug. 29, 1953, m. Minnie Beha. They were the parents of seven children: (1) Glorine; (2) Harland R., m. Mildred Chamberlin Feb. 16, 1926 and they have one son: 1. Harland Stretz Jr.; (3) Mildred, m. O. T. Cheney Aug. 29, 1929 and they have one son: 1. David Cheney; (4) Jerome, m. Delores Morrow Sept. 1934 and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Barbara, and 2. Bonnie Stretz; (5) Hillard; (6) Gregory B., m. Fleta James June, 1942. Issue, four children: 1. Stephen, 2. Michael, 3. Richard, and 4. Karen Stretz; (7) Frank Leo III, m. Catherine Cushing April, 1944 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Sharon, 2. Margaret (Peggy), 3. Sandra, 4. Frank Leo IV, and 5. John Stretz.
4. Charles Stretz, b. 1882, died in Boonville, Mo. Sept. 12, 1943.
5. Herman, b. Sept. 9, 1884, d. in Boonville, Mo. July 15, 1945, m. Minnie Knack Nov. 21, 1905. (She was born May 24, 1886, d. Dec. 3, 1951). They were the parents of two children: (1) Rosemary, m. Pat Sweeney April 21, 1952; and (2) Harold, m. Dora Nevins June 4, 1934 and they have five children: 1. Richard, 2. Karen, 3. John Charles, 4. Denise, and 5. Stephanie Stretz.
6. Ida Stretz, lives in Boonville, Mo.
7. Mamie Stretz, lives in Boonville, Mo.
8. Raymond, lives in Marshall, Mo., m. Rose Schreckler Dec. 29, 1936. No issue.
9. Eleanor, lives in Kirkwood, Mo., m. John Burke Oct. 21, 1919 and they had three children: (1) Helen, m. John Clark and they have one daughter: 1. Pamela Clark; (2) John Jr., m. Geraldine Marie Hilden July 27, 1948 and they have two children: 1. Susan Mary, and 2. Diane Ellen Burke; and (3) Robert Burke, b. Feb. 9, 1931, d. Aug. 26, 1937.



## Bertram Hubert (Hubert Josef) Felten (1826-1889)

That our Felten ancestor who is the subject of this chapter was named Bertram Hubert and not Hubert Josef is not generally known to members of the family. This information has been obtained from the parochial registers in Gross-Vernich, Germany where Bertram Hubert Felten was baptized. He was the second son and fifth child of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten, born in Klein-Vernich, Germany July 18, 1826. He came to America first in 1853, returned to Germany, was married there to Anna Katharina Lessenich on April 9, 1854, and then returned to America early in 1855.

We are indebted to Miss Flora Hoff of Kansas City, Mo., granddaughter, not only for many of the family records, which she has kept diligently for many years, but for letters from Rev. Heinrich Siepen, pastor of the Catholic Church in Gross-Vernich, Germany, where all the children of Hermann Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten were baptized, and of interest in this particular chapter, for the marriage record of Bertram Hubert Felten and Anna Katharina Lessenich. This record was contained in his letter dated May 17, 1959 and addressed to Miss Flora Hoff:

On 9 April, 1854 Bertram Hubert Felten, son of Hermann Josef Felten and Margarethe Kahr out of Klein-Vernich, and Anna Katharina Lessenich, daughter of Michael Lessenich and Helene Katharina Proff out of Gross-Vernich, married churchily at Gross-Vernich before the witnesses Hermann Josef Felten and Theodor Felten.

Bertram Hubert Felten (not Hubert Josef) was born 18 July and baptized 19 July, 1826. He was the son of Hermann Josef Felten and Anna Margarethe Karsch (also Karst and Kahr). He was born at Klein-Vernich and baptized at Gross-Vernich.

Anna Katharina Lessenich, daughter of Michael Lessenich and Helene Katharina Proff, was born and baptized at Gross-Vernich 12 April, 1833.

Resp.

Heinrich Siepen, Pfarrer  
Gross-Vernich über Euskirchen  
Bez. Köln. Deutschland.

Since Bertram Hubert Felten was known to his family as Hubert Josef and that name appears on his death records, we will hereafter refer to him as Hubert Josef. For reasons of his own which will never be known to later generations, he chose to change his name when he started a new life in America in 1855 and settled in Cooper County, Missouri, near Boonville. He died in Boonville July 12, 1889 and is buried in the Catholic cemetery there. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "Hubert Felten died July 12, 1889 at the age of 62 yr., 11 mos., 24 days." This age coincides exactly with records from Germany giving his birth date as July 18, 1826. Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, wife

of Hubert Josef, likewise died in Boonville and is buried in the Catholic cemetery there. The date of her death was Feb. 9, 1904.

[The parents of Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, Michael Joseph Lessenich (b. Sept. 29, 1797, d. June 19, 1869) and Helene Katharina Proff Lessenich (b. Dec. 6, 1797, d. Oct. 9, 1861) are buried in the Catholic cemetery in Cedron, Mo.]

Hubert Josef and Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten were the parents of ten children:

1. Bena, b. March 21, 1855, d. March 26, 1940, m. Jacob Hoff.
2. Joseph Bertram, b. May 23, 1856, d. Nov. 22, 1923, m. Mary Miller. No children.
3. Christina, b. Dec. 19, 1857, d. Feb. 19, 1947. Single.
4. Michael Joseph, b. March 10, 1859, d. Aug. 12, 1941, m. Mary Gertrude Brummel.
5. William, b. Jan. 24, 1861, d. Oct. 31, 1886. Single.
6. Francis Joseph, b. Oct. 15, 1863, d. April 20, 1943, m. Laura Whitehurse, no children.
7. John R., b. Dec. 16, 1865, d. Dec. 23, 1943, m. Mary Liebhart.
8. Albert Daniel, b. Jan. 9, 1868, d. March 25, 1870.
9. Herman Joseph, b. Nov. 6, 1869, d. Feb. 5, 1944, m. Dena Peak.
10. Catherine, b. July 6, 1873, d. June 5, 1891. Single.

The individual records of the children of Hubert Josef and Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, where these children have descendants, will follow below.

#### RECORD OF BENA FELTEN AND JACOB HOFF

Following is the record of Bena Felten and Jacob Hoff. To their daughter, Miss Flora Hoff of Kansas City, Mo., we are indebted not only for this record but for her herculean efforts in behalf of the entire compilation of this volume and for her invaluable aid in making available records from her "Bible" on other lines of the family. Primarily, and with which she would concur, it was her mother's interest and pride of family that has been her guiding star.

(1) *Bena Felten*, the first child of Hubert Joseph and Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, was born near Boonville, Mo. March 21, 1855 and died in Pilot Grove, Mo. March 26, 1940. She was married on August 13, 1872 to Jacob Hoff, who was born May 12, 1842 and died Feb. 16, 1932. He was the son of Johannes Nikolaus and Margaretha Dury Hof (note original spelling of the family name) and was born in Eppenbrunn, Pirmasens, Bavaria, Germany. Nikolaus Hof (b. 1800, d. Feb. 27, 1872) was the son of George and Katharina Göhringer Hof, and Margaretha Dury Hof (b. 1812, d. 1857) was the daughter of Wendelin and Otilia Lang Dury. Nikolaus Hof and Margaretha Dury were married Jan. 19, 1830 in Trublen Pfalz, Germany.

Bena Felten and Jacob Hoff were the parents of nine children:



1. Anna Catherine Hoff, b. June 28, 1873, died Dec. 31, 1897, m. John Henry Spaedy on Jan. 26, 1897, and they were the parents of one daughter: (1) Anna Katherine, b. Dec. 28, 1897, m. James A. Smith Sept. 18, 1923 and they have one son: 1. Kenneth Eugene Smith, b. March 13, 1929, m. Nancy Louise Ludes Aug. 26, 1950 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Denise Inez, b. March 8, 1952, (b) Mark Frederick, b. April 17, 1955, and (c) Craig Thomas Smith, b. Sept. 29, 1956.
2. Hubert Joseph Hoff, lives in Pilot Grove, Mo., b. Dec. 4, 1875, m. Helena Weber May 23, 1899. Issue, five children:
  - (1) Gertrude Margaret, b. Oct. 13, 1900, m. Edson Haller Oct. 19, 1923 and they are the parents of six children: 1. Harold Earl, b. Aug. 7, 1924, m. Jean Schnell March 22, 1959 and they are the parents of twin sons born Dec. 22, 1959: (a) and (b) Harold Schnell and Earl Edson Haller; 2. Andrew Jacob, b. Jan. 13, 1926; 3. Gertrude Alice, b. Dec. 31, 1927, m. William Painter April 20, 1953 and they have two sons: (a) Eugene Earl, b. Nov. 24, 1954, and (b) Robert Edward Painter, b. Dec. 10, 1957; 4. Helen Wilhelmina, b. Feb. 21, 1930, m. Charles Verts June 18, 1950 and they have one son: (a) David Wayne Verts, b. June 18, 1954; 5. Milford Ernest, b. Nov. 5, 1931; and 6. Alvera Gertrude, b. Oct. 26, 1933, m. Richard Hutchinson Nov. 22, 1952 and they are the parents of two children: (a) Richard Earl, b. Feb. 7, 1954, and (b) Teresa Lynn Hutchinson, b. Dec. 18, 1956.
  - (2) Herman Jacob, b. March 15, 1905, m. Helen Pfeiffer Nov. 26, 1932 and they have three daughters: 1. Mildred Jean, b. May 13, 1934, m. Harvey White April 19, 1954; 2. Beverly Joyce, b. Jan. 30, 1936, m. Dwane E. Smith Nov. 9, 1956 and they have one daughter: (a) Cynthia Louise Smith, b. Aug. 10, 1957; and 3. Laverne Darlene Hoff, b. Aug. 26, 1945.
  - (3) Cecelia Catherine, b. Nov. 3, 1908, m. Emery Gammon June 14, 1933 and they have one daughter: 1. Kathleen Ann Gammon, b. June 9, 1935, m. Eugene E. Vader Feb. 2, 1957 and they have one daughter: (a) Laura Lynette Vader, b. Oct. 12, 1958.
  - (4) Clara Regina, b. Oct. 9, 1911, m. Harry Mines June 17, 1933 and they had one daughter: 1. Sharon Frances Mines, b. June 7, 1941.
  - (5) Anna Mae Hoff, b. Sept. 13, 1914, m. William Jackson Nov. 1, 1941, and they are the parents of three children: 1. William Van, b. Oct. 14, 1943; 2. Racine Ann, b. May 9, 1945; and 3. Janice Kaye Jackson, b. July 5, 1948.
3. Albert Bernard Hoff, b. Jan. 19, 1878, d. March 18, 1919. He married Catherine Thiel May 18, 1905. No issue.
4. Margaret Josephine, b. March 17, 1880, d. Sept. 4, 1949, married John Henry Spaedy Nov. 22, 1904. They were the parents of two sons:
  - (1) Leo Francis Patrick, b. March 17, 1906, m. Aurelia Heet Nov. 26, 1926 and they have one son: 1. Leo Francis Patrick, Jr.,



b. Oct. 12, 1931, m. Martha Rose Dreckshage Jan. 7, 1956. They are the parents of two children: (a) Monica Lee, b. Dec. 21, 1956, and (b) John Christopher Spaedy, b. Aug. 30, 1959.

(2) Victor George Spaedy, b. May 31, 1913, m. Blanche Mary Gerling April 23, 1935 and they are the parents of five children: 1. Victor Jerome, b. March 29, 1936, m. Sharon McCarney June 21, 1958 and they have one daughter: (a) Melanie Ann Spaedy, b. July 18, 1959; 2. Joan Marie, b. Jan. 17, 1938; 3. Eugene Darrell, b. March 30, 1939; 4. Mary Elaine, b. March 14, 1944; and 5. John Lewis Spaedy, b. Aug. 28, 1945.

5. Francis Jacob Hoff, b. Oct. 27, 1882, m. Anna Thiel May 7, 1912. Issue, six children:

(1) Helen Beatrice, b. May 26, 1913, d. Sept. 20, 1915.

(2) Andrew Nicholas, b. Sept. 12, 1915, m. Elizabeth Buschmeyer June 8, 1938, and they have six children: 1. Elizabeth Kathryn, b. Jan. 22, 1940, m. Carl F. Haynie Sept. 19, 1959; 2. Mary Margaret, b. Jan. 24, 1944; 3. and 4. Twins, Helen Sue and Elaine Lou, b. June 18, 1948; 5. Raymond Andrew, b. Nov. 20, 1949; and 6. Martha Andrea Hoff, b. Jan. 1, 1953.

(3) Geraldine Elizabeth, b. May 14, 1918, m. James Swendrowski April 24, 1946 and they have two children: 1. Ellen Jane, b. June 7, 1947; and 2. Anthony Paul Swendrowski, b. Sept. 19, 1950.

(4) Isabelle Marie, b. Feb. 27, 1922, m. Clifford Long April 22, 1942, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Lawrence Francis, b. Feb. 6, 1943; 2. Carol Rose, b. May 12, 1945; and 3. John Michael Long, b. Oct. 21, 1955.

(5) Mildred Louise, b. Nov. 5, 1923, m. Floyd McQuitty Sept. 10, 1940 and they have three children: 1. Phyllis Ann, b. Feb. 5, 1942; 2. Gwendolyn, b. Aug. 21, 1945; and 3. Patricia Kaye McQuitty, b. May 13, 1948.

(6) Arthur Francis Hoff, b. Sept. 1, 1925, d. Sept. 3, 1925.

6. Magdalena Hoff, b. Feb. 16, 1887, d. July 17, 1888.

7. Rosaline Hoff, b. April 7, 1889, d. April 11, 1889.

8. George William Hoff, lives in Boonville, Mo., b. April 5, 1890, m. Lula Walterscheidt Oct. 28, 1924. They have one son: (1) John Jacob Hoff, b. May 4, 1928, m. Ruth Marie Hartman Dec. 27, 1958.

9. Flora Marie Hoff, lives in Kansas City, Mo., b. Nov. 20, 1892.

#### RECORD OF THE MICHAEL J. FELTEN FAMILY

(4) *Michael Joseph Felten*, second son and fourth child of Hubert Joseph and Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, was born in Boonville, Mo. March 10, 1859 and died Aug. 12, 1941. He married Mary Gertrude Brummel and they were the parents of eight children:

1. Gertrude Christina, b. Sept. 27, 1887, m. George Tilden Hayes Nov. 17, 1909. Issue, six children: (1) Isabelle Gertrude, m. Peter J. Klein Feb. 10, 1942. No children; (2) George Leo, b. Dec. 8, 1911, died in infancy; (3) Vincent Victor, m. Dorothy Haxton April, 1947 and they have three children: 1. Christy Page, 2. Elizabeth, and 3. Michael Andrew Hayes; (4) Richard Francis, m. Bernice Stretz June 16, 1940 and they are the parents of four children: 1.



- Gretchen Ann, 2. Claudia Ann, 3. Rebecca Leigh, and 4. Elaine Ann Hayes; (5) Justin Hubert, b. Jan. 30, 1915, died in infancy; and (6) Yvonne Mildred, m. Michael Joseph Stewart Nov. 27, 1943 and they have one son: 1. Michael Joseph Stewart Jr.
2. Leo Henry, b. July 13, 1890, m. Anna Margaret Dow Dec. 26, 1935. No issue.
  3. Isabelle Anna, b. Dec. 17, 1891, m. Frank Brengarth Sept. 20, 1922. They are the parents of one son: (1) Francis Jennings, m. Samma Odom Sept. 27, 1948 and they have four children: 1. John, 2. Francis, 3. Stephen, and 4. James Michael Brengarth.
  4. Lena Florence, b. Jan. 27, 1893, is Sister M. Imelda, O.S.B. of the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Mundelein, Ill.
  5. Mary Marguerite, b. Feb. 5, 1895, m. Michael Thomas Devine Feb. 5, 1921 and they are the parents of three children: (1) Mary Patricia, m. George Kimberley Nov. 1, 1947 and they have seven children: 1. Sally, 2. Michael, 3. Laura, 4. Thomas, 5. Elaine, 6. Charles, and 7. Marguerite Ellen Kimberley; (2) Charlotte Ann, m. Joseph Quinn Jan. 15, 1954 and they have three children: 1. Melissa, 2. Ann, and 3. Matthew Quinn; and (3) Thomas Devine.
  6. Mary Catherine, b. April 1, 1896, m. Herbert Joseph Zoernig Nov. 9, 1929. They are the parents of two sons: (1) Robert Joseph, m. Shirley Allen Oct. 7, 1956 and they have one son: 1. Kevin Zoernig; (2) William Lawrence, m. Shirley Jean Bennett April 12, 1958 and they have one child: 1. Mary Elizabeth Zoernig.
  7. Agnes Grace, b. July 5, 1899, is Sister M. Elfleda, O.S.B. of the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Tucson, Ariz.
  8. Hubert Michael, b. April 7, 1901.

#### THE JOHN R. FELTEN FAMILY

(7) *John R. Felten*, fifth son and seventh child of Hubert Joseph and Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, was born Dec. 16, 1865 and died at his home near Boonville, Mo. Dec. 23, 1943. He was married to Mary G. Liebhart and they were the parents of four children: 1. Francis, b. Oct. 15, 1897, d. Jan. 3, 1945; 2. Nadine; 3. Archibald; and 4. Edgar Leo Felten, m. Ethel Elizabeth Schuster Feb. 21, 1933 and they had one daughter: (1) Virginia Frances Felten, m. Robert Joseph Stone Oct. 11, 1952 and they are the parents of three children: (a) Robert Joseph, (b) Gary Dale, and (c) Cynthia Ann Stone.

#### RECORD OF THE HERMAN JOSEPH FELTEN FAMILY

(9) *Herman Joseph Felten* was born in Boonville, Mo. Nov. 6, 1869 and died Feb. 5, 1944. He was married in 1897 to Christina Elizabeth (Dena) Peak. She was born in Manhattan, Kansas May 20, 1874 and died in Sedalia, Mo. Sept. 22, 1944. Issue, five children:

1. Clarence Anthony Felten, lives in Fayette, Mo., b. Feb. 21, 1898, m. Trella Lucille Gibson June 22, 1927 and they were the parents of ten children:

(1) Clarence Anthony, Jr., b. March 10, 1928, m. Shirley Bernice Wright Nov. 25, 1950 and they have two children: 1. Leroy Anthony, b. Dec. 30, 1951; and 2. Joyce Ann Felten, b. Jan. 7, 1955.

(2) Marie Agnes, b. June 1, 1929, m. Wilber Loesing Jan. 5, 1950 and they are the parents of two children: 1. Carolyn Ann, b. June 3, 1951; and 2. Carl Lee Loesing, b. May 31, 1953.

(3) Mary Katherine, died at birth July 25, 1931.

(4) Geraldine Louise, b. Aug. 26, 1932, m. William Glen Conrow and they had four children: 1. Gary William, b. March 5, 1952; 2. Richard Franklin, b. Feb. 23, 1954; 3. Deborah Jean, b. Oct. 26, 1955; and 4. William Glen Conrow, Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1957. William Glen Conrow, Sr. was killed in an automobile accident April 17, 1957 and Geraldine Louise Felten married 2d Zeno Finley, Jr. Jan. 15, 1959.

(5) Edgar Joseph, b. April 10, 1934, m. Linda Nell Comstock April 10, 1959.

(6) Lorraine Lucille, b. March 3, 1936, m. George Carl Ballew and they have two daughters: 1. Susie Lee, b. Oct. 31, 1954; and 2. Claudette Ann Ballew, b. June 16, 1957.

(7) Isabel Frances, b. Aug. 17, 1938, m. Warren Gene Gerlt Sept. 9, 1958 and they have one son: 1. Robert Eugene Gerlt, b. July 6, 1959.

(8) Frank Eugene, b. Nov. 1, 1941, m. Mildred Sue Hill April 12, 1959.

(9) Marguerite Ann, b. March 22, 1943.

(10) Harold James Felten, b. May 19, 1945.

2. Anna Grace Felten, lives in Sedalia, Mo., b. June 25, 1899, m. Robert L. Drechsel April 12, 1921. They have one daughter: (1) Dorothy Ann Drechsel, b. June 13, 1925.
3. Albert B. Felten, b. Dec. 20, 1900, m. Bernardine Rose Gerke Jan. 30, 1934. They are the parents of four children: (1) Viola Agnes, b. April 27, 1935, m. Euell Elwood Long April 21, 1956 and they had twin sons, Mike and Mack, who died at birth Nov. 24, 1956; (2) Robert Eugene, b. Nov. 24, 1939, with the U. S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany (1959); (3) Phyllis Joan, b. July 4, 1943; and (4) Linda Frances Felten, b. Aug. 17, 1945.
4. Roberta Isabelle Felten, b. Dec. 11, 1909, m. Frank A. Newman Aug. 23, 1933. He was born March 3, 1902 and died May 30, 1951. They were the parents of four children: (1) Frieda Marie, b. April 10, 1934, m. Arthur John Jost July 6, 1957 and they have one son: 1. Charles Edward Jost b. May 24, 1958; (2) Rita Marie, twin sister of Frieda Marie, b. April 10, 1934, died April 15, 1934; (3) Marion Leo, b. Aug. 29, 1944; and (4) Patricia Louise Newman, b. Aug. 28, 1947.
5. Marie Felten, b. Nov. 6, 1914, m. Albert W. Newman and they have one daughter: (1) Martha Mae Newman, b. April 16, 1933, m. Arthur Volkema Jan. 26, 1957 and they have one daughter: 1. June Marie Volkema, b. Feb. 17, 1958.



## Johannes Felten

(1828-1860)

Johannes (John) Felten was born in Klein-Vernich, Prussia, Germany on September 9, 1828 and died in Cooper County, Missouri circa 1860. He was the third son and sixth child of Herman Josef and Anna Margarethe Karsch Felten. He married Christina Lessenich, daughter of Michael Joseph and Helene Katharina Proff Lessenich. Christina Lessenich Felten was a sister of Anna Katharina Lessenich Felten, wife of Hubert Joseph Felten. After the death of Johannes Felten, Christina Lessenich married second Matthew Peak. She was born April 18, 1835 and died Oct. 5, 1926.

Johannes and Christina Lessenich Felten were the parents of two children:

1. Rosa Katharina died in infancy at three months of age.
2. Joseph Felix Felten, born March 15, 1858 in Cooper County, Missouri, married Sarah Bick and they were the parents of four children: (1) Mabel Mary, born Dec. 19, 1881, died in Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 7, 1959; (2) William Casper, born 1884, died in infancy; (3) Joseph Felix, Jr., born 1888, died in infancy; (4) Grace Eugenia, born Aug. 6, 1892, died 1915. Joseph Felix Felten died Feb. 2, 1919 and is buried in Kansas City, Missouri.

None of the children of Joseph Felix and Sarah Bick Felten were married, all are dead; hence, they have no descendants. By the same token, there are no living descendants of Johannes Felten, the youngest of the first generation of Feltens who came to America. Miss Mabel Felten, granddaughter, who died in Kansas City, Mo. Sept. 7, 1959, was ill at the time this record was being compiled and was only able to give the scant bits of information presented above.

Isabelle Hayes Klein, of Independence, Mo., great-great-niece of Johannes and Christina Lessenich Felten, has in her possession a gold bracelet given to her by Mabel Felten before her death. The bracelet was a gift of Johannes Felten to Christina Lessenich Felten and was brought to America from Germany over a hundred years ago.

## An Observation on Genealogy

(Following are some excerpts from a letter written by Frank Julius Fischer [See Godfried Fischer Record] of Pacoima, California on March 15, 1940 to his sister, Gertrude Fischer Rages of Hughesville, Mo.):

Genealogy, Gertrude, is much nonsense; except the inheritance of brains and principle, these you can inherit from a ditch digger as well as from a king.

Then too, you must remember we all have had ancestors for millions of years, and in my own mind I leave no doubt that there is not a living man or woman without a royal ancestor somewhere along the line. There is no people that did not start its race in the primitive way. That was for a male to make camp somewhere in the jungle and take female companions; one, two, or a hundred, he was a king.

His tribe necessarily were his descendants and no matter how many wives and husbands his sons and daughters brought into the tribe from outside, the children still were his descendants.

Any of us can be ancestors for improvement of our blood and brains and principles. You know the story of Napoleon telling a proud and vain nobleman, "I am an ancestor, you are only a descendant." Looking forward to worthy things makes a worthy ancestor, looking backward turns you to salt. If your forward looking is for a future sphere or heavenly reward, application to the human cause will get that for you more surely than spending your time and energy in supplication for yourself.

Instead of turning back on the trail of genealogy to tree a noble ancestor, keep right on in your course of being an ancestor. In your community you are building a family that is an honor. With a good home surrounding they are gaining a foothold, which means opportunity. Reference to ancestors retards the growth of the individual and alienates one from democratic surroundings.

I would not choose Caesar, I wouldn't choose Napoleon for an ancestor to be proud of. I think I would find him among the worthy millions who are not recorded and whose fine character and steady life started or nurtured a branch of behavior that bears and will always be bearing a noble fruit that will ever grow more noble.

Environment, example, and ability coupled with a sense of honor has more to do with making us worthy than any ancestral pride. Let a sense of honor be our own pride. Our own pride is what makes of us what we are. To be honorable in all things and to know what is most honorable at all times are the qualities I would choose in my ancestors and in me.

















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